



Town of Coulee Dam
Green Oasis at the Foot of Grand Coulee Dam

**Budget Workshop
Minutes
November 1, 2017**

5:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Greg Wilder
Councilmember Gayle Swagerty
Councilmember Keith St. Jeor
Councilmember Ben Alling (joined at 6:10pm)
Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden

Mayor Wilder opened the workshop at 5:00 pm. There was no quorum.

Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden and Mayor Wilder presented the 2018 estimated expenditures/revenues for Garbage and Electric. Discussion was held on the utility tax rate assessed on garbage. Mayor Wilder asked that consideration be given to increase the rate to 18% which will bring it to the same rate assessed to water and sewer. Electric utility tax rate is capped at 6% by RCW. Bonneville Power has implemented a 5% increase on power. Without raising the town's rates to accommodate the additional expense, the town will have to use a substantial amount of reserves to balance the operating budget. Discussion was held on the need for reserves in the Electric Fund due to the high cost of potential emergency repairs/maintenance. Councilmember St. Jeor suggested the Clerk provide information at the next council meeting showing what an increase in electric rates would look like at 5%. Clerk agreed to put together some numbers showing some different options.

Councilmember Alling joined the meeting at 6:10pm.

No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk