

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF REEDSPORT APRIL 25, 2011,  
7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

PRESENT: Mayor Keith Tymchuk, Councilors Diane Essig, Bill Otis, and Mike Macho, Kathi Wall-Meyer and Bill Walker (Councilor Ginger Anderson was absent)

Committee Members Aeron Blackman, Jackie Potter, Lee Bridge, and Mark Bedard (Committee member Tammy Van Syoc was absent)

City Manager Scott Somers

OTHERS PRESENT: Floyd Dollar, Diane Novak, Deanna Schafer, Vera Koch, Mark Fandrey, Robin Dollar, Harold Rose, Portia Harris, Charmaine Vitek and Steve Miller

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

*This time is reserved for citizens to comment. Maximum of five minutes per item, please.*

Assistant Fire Chief Harold Rose said that he would like to comment on a question that was asked him at the last meeting concerning The Building Department LLC, the city contracted building official. He said that one thing that needs to be mentioned is that there is an attitude problem, especially with the electrical inspector.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Keith Tymchuk moved that the Budget Committee approve the Agenda.

Committee Member Jacque Potter seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the Budget Committee approve the Agenda.

VOTE:

A vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

AYES 10 NAYS 0

(Mayor Tymchuk, Councilors Otis, Essig, Macho, Walker, Wall-Meyer and Committee Members Bedard, Blackman, Bridge and Potter voted in favor of the motion.)

Chair Mark Bedard declared the motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

##### A. Continue Review of Fiscal year 2011 / 012 Budget.

Review began at the Street Fund.

Public Works Director Floyd Dollar said that this fund is anticipating additional revenue this fiscal year due to the State sponsored gas tax. The bad news is that asphalt prices have increased over 100% in the last five years.

The major street improvement for this year is the Winchester Ave. railroad crossing and sidewalks.

The Wastewater Utility Fund will see an increase in fees this year and for the next several years to pay for the debt service of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

City Manager Scott Somers said that there is currently an Initiative Petition being circulated for signatures. If enough signatures are gathered, an item will be placed on the ballot that will not allow the City of Reedsport to raise fees or taxes without a vote of the general public.

Councilor Otis asked Somers if this does indeed pass, does he have a backup plan.

Somers said that the loans will have to be paid and that Council will have to discuss this. This topic would be an executive session item.

Somers said that the City is in the process of having the city levee evaluated and there will be issues on the levee that will need to be addressed. There may be some liability of the Army Corp of Engineers for deficiencies because they were the ones who originally built it. He said that there may be a link between certification and the downtown storm water mitigation project that the City is currently working on getting funded. Senator Wyden's office has proposed legislation that would look at the degree of protection a levee gives to the landward side of the levee from flood. This would mean that even if a levee is not "certified" by FEMA it is still providing a level of protection from flood events. What is currently required is that if the levee is not certified any new developments would be subject to higher insurance premiums if the property lies within the levee wall.

Public Works Director Floyd Dollar said that relating to the Water Fund, the City is now looking at moving to ultra-violet filtration system and moving away from the ozone system currently in place.

Somers said that the Umpqua Discovery Center Fund made a change this year to eliminate the contracted employee and utilize staff from the City office. The City has dedicated one day a week for a staff person to work at the Center. He said that this does not help the UDC's fund bottom line, what it really does is help the General Fund utilize staff effectively.

Committee Member Lee Bridge said that the Library Fund has reached its fundraising goals and is ready to spend money. A USDA grant awarded last week put them over the top and the project will go out to bid soon. This is a renovation of the building.

City Manager Scott Somers talked about a System Development Charge (SDC) deferral option that was put into place recently. This will allow a developer to defer the cost of the SDC's to the end of the project or before an occupancy permit is issued. Some developers thought that this might spark some building growth.

Public Works Director Floyd Dollar said that there will be additional money in the budget to repair docks this year due to the newly generated boat launch fee.

Finance Director Vera Koch said that there is currently \$65,000 set aside to complete some energy efficiency projects to the buildings. The City is currently having an energy audit completed.

- B. Make a motion to approve the City of Reedsport proposed budget and approve taxes for the 2011/2012 fiscal year at the permanent tax rate of \$6.1881 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes.

Mayor Keith Tymchuk moved that the Budget Committee approve the City of Reedsport proposed budget and approve taxes for the 2011/2012 fiscal year at the permanent tax rate of \$6.1881 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes.

Committee Member Jacque Potter seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the Budget Committee approve the City of Reedsport proposed budget and approve taxes for the 2011/2012 fiscal year at the permanent tax rate of \$6.1881 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes.

VOTE:

A vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

AYES 7 NAYS 3

(Mayor Tymchuk, Councilors Essig, Macho, Walker, and Committee Members Bedard, Blackman, and Potter voted in favor of the motion.)(Councilor Otis, Wall-Meyer and Committee Member Lee Bridge voted in opposition.)

Chair Mark Bedard declared the motion passed.

- A. Review Capital Improvement Plan

City Manager Scott Somers began review of the Capital Improvement Plan. He explained that projects are given a letter grade first by priority and second by funding available. The following Capital Improvements that are expected to be completed during this fiscal year are:

Project	Priority/Financing	Amount
Reroof Dunes NRA Building	A/A	\$50,000
Library Bldg Renovation	A/A	\$270,000
Police Station Jail Door	A/A	\$30,000
Dispatch Work Station	B/B	\$12,000
Siding/Paint Dunes NRA Building	C/C	\$12,000
Waterfront and Downtown Plan II	B/B	\$115,000
Police Car Replacement	A/B	\$11,500
Manhole Replacement/renovation	B/D	\$10,000
Reline 1,250' WW line on 19th/20th	B/D	\$65,000
Mixing Zone Study of Outfall Diffuser	A/B	\$35,000
Downtown Stormwater Reroute Project	A/C	\$2,000,000
2012 Paving Projects	B/D	\$50,000
RR Crossing/Winchester Ave.	B/D	\$65,000
Fire Hydrant Replacement	A/C	\$7,500
Levee Waterline Relocation	A/B	\$467,000

5. ADJOURN

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Mark Bedard, Chair

ATTEST:

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Deanna Schafer, City Recorder