

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF REEDSPORT APRIL 14, 2014, 7:15 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

PRESENT: Mayor Keith Tymchuk, Councilors Frank Barth, DeeDee Murphy, Debby Turner and Linda McCollum. (Councilors absent: Kathi Wall-Meyer and Diane Essig)

Committee Members Mark Bedard, Jacque Potter, Linda Lanegan and Lee Bridge. (Committee Members absent: Tara Szalewski, 2 vacant positions)

City Manager Jonathan Wright

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Novak, Vera Koch, Harold Rose, Duane Wisehart, Stephen Miller, Joel Smith, Allen Teitzel and Ed O'Carroll.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

There were no citizen's comments.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Committee Member Frank Barth seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the Budget Committee approve the Agenda.

VOTE:

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

AYES 9 NAYS 0

(Committee Members Tymchuk, Barth, Murphy, Turner, McCollum, Bedard, Potter, Lanegan and Bridge voted in favor of the motion.)

Chair Mark Bedard declared the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. February 10, 2014

Committee Member Linda McCollum moved that the Budget Committee approve minutes of the February 10, 2014 Budget Committee.

Committee Member Frank Barth seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the Budget Committee approve minutes of the February 10, 2014 Budget Committee Meeting.

VOTE:

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

AYES 9 NAYS 0

(Committee Members Tymchuk, Barth, Murphy, Turner, McCollum, Bedard, Potter, Lanegan and Bridge voted in favor of the motion.)

Chair Mark Bedard declared the motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Mark Bedard opened the public hearing.

- A. Conduct public hearing for the City of Reedsport to receive state revenue sharing during fiscal year 2014 / 015: [note: A hearing is needed in order to comply with the ORS 221.770 regarding revenue sharing]
Please limit your presentation to 5 minutes.

Shall the Reedsport Budget Committee approve recommendations on uses of state revenue sharing funds for fiscal year 2014 / 2015?

Chair Mark Bedard closed the public portion of the hearing.

Finance Director Vera Koch gave the staff report:

April 14, 2014 State Revenue Budget Hearing

In order to receive state revenues apportioned among cities within the state, the City Council is required by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) to establish a process for annually electing to receive the distributions.

At the regular City Council meeting of May 21, 2001, the Council adopted Ordinance 2001-1022 establishing a process for electing to receive annual state revenue distributions. The Ordinance provides for a hearing before the City Budget Committee to consider the possible uses of state revenue sharing distributions in relation to the entire budget, including offset against property tax levies by the City.

The possible uses of state revenue may be used for
Police Protection
Fire Protection
Street Construction, maintenance & lighting
Sanitary Sewers
Storm Sewers

Planning, zoning, and subdivision control

The City of Reedsport supports all of the programs required as listed above, and levied a property tax for the fiscal year 2013 / 014, therefore making the City eligible to receive funding.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2014 / 015 operating budget includes the ESTIMATED state collected and distributed revenues, as an offset against property tax levies by the City as follows:

1.	General Fund (#001)	
	a. Liquor Tax	\$50,000
	b. Cigarette Tax	\$4,000
	c. State Revenue Sharing	<u>\$40,000</u>
	Subtotal	\$94,000
2.	Street Fund (#002) (Gas Tax)	
	a. State Gasoline Tax	\$225,000
3.	Bicycle / Footpath Fund (#007)	
	a. State Gasoline Tax	<u>\$2,250</u>
Total:		\$321,250

These estimations may be revised prior to budget adoption if updated information is available.

A motion to approve the proposed uses of the State Revenue Sharing funds need to be made by the Budget Committee. These estimations may be revised prior to budget adoption if updated information is available.

A motion to approve the proposed uses of the State Revenue Sharing funds needs to be made by the Budget Committee.

Committee Member Keith Tymchuk spoke in favor of accepting the revenue sharing funds from a citizen's perspective.

Committee Member Jacque Potter moved that the Budget Committee approve recommendations on uses of state revenue sharing funds for fiscal year 2014/015.

Committee Member Lee Bridge seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the Budget Committee approve recommendations on uses of state revenue sharing funds for fiscal year 2014/015?

VOTE:

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

AYES 9 NAYS 0

(Committee Members Tymchuk, Barth, Murphy, Turner, McCollum, Bedard, Potter, Lanegan and Bridge voted in favor of the motion.)

Chair Mark Bedard declared the motion passed unanimously.

A. FY 2014 / 2015

City Manager Jonathan Wright began the budget review by reading the proposed budget message. He emphasized to the Budget Committee that during the current fiscal year, the General Fund which funds the City's Police & Fire departments, maintenance of parks and buildings and operation of City Hall continues to see a decline in tax revenue. Management has explored other avenues of revenue such as increasing dispatch cost billed to other users and appealing to the County for a share of the 9 1 1 tax revenue.

Jonathan stressed the importance of the levee certification with FEMA and the implications to the community if this does not happen in a timely manner. Staff continues to seek funding sources outside the city. He also updated the committee on the opportunity available to the City to refinance the DEQ wastewater loan for a lower interest rate and a longer period of time. A pending ballot measure is designed to reduce wastewater fees and increase stormwater fees. If passed, the increase in stormwater fees would enable the City to take out loans and apply for grants for the certification process.

Jonathan reported on the progress being made with the Gardiner Sanitary District in negotiating a new agreement for sewage disposal with the possibility of an effective date of July 1, 2014.

Committee Member Keith Tymchuk (Mayor) gave an overview of the history and the desire that Council members and staff have to arrive at a mutual agreement with the Gardiner Sanitary District.

The budget review process began with the General Fund. Staff indicated there will be some suggested changes during the review process. The Committee completed review of the General Fund and agreed to adjourn for the evening.

6. Miscellaneous Items
(Budget Committee Members, City Staff)
None

7. Adjourn
Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm. The next meeting will be held April 21st at 7:00 pm.

Mark Bedard, Chair

ATTEST:

Deanna Schafer, City Recorder