

APPROVED

The Special Budget Meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, September 12th, 2016 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Brent Teske. Present were Mrs. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Beach, Mr. Olsen and City Treasurer/Clerk Audray McCollum.

Announcements:

Mr. Teske announced there were currently two positions open on the city council, one council member and the Mayor. Anyone interested in either of these positions needed to submit a letter of interest and resume by September 28th 23rd. There will be a Special meeting held on September 28th to vote on these positions.

Mr. Teske invited the public to attend the Flower Creek Dam open house on September 17th at 9:30. Buses will leave city hall at 10:00 am.

Hear from the Public Items on the Agenda Limit to Three Minutes:

D C Orr, 1117 Nevada, stated there was not enough experience on the council to vote on the budget, but expressed the budget needs to be passed. Mr. Orr urged the council to ask for quarterly financial reports in the coming year. He cautioned the council on the prior spending habits of the city, stating the ED and IP funds had been squandered.

Mr. Orr asked who was responsible for the mismanagement of the fireman's retirement fund. Each department is giving up 2.2% of their budget to fund the fireman's retirement, and that is huge. Orr stated the city knew of the lack of funds in the fireman's retirement fund for years and never did anything about it. Mr. Orr asked why Jim Hammons had not spoke at any budget meetings, since helping prepare the budget was part of his job.

Mr. Orr urged council to be better prepared with the budget next year.

Mr. Teske responded he will encourage each member of the council, to attend the budget training class offered next spring.

New Business:

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 1881-Fixing the annual appropriations for the City of Libby, Montana for the 2016-2017 Budget.

Mr. Olsen second.

There was no discussion due to Mrs. Williams and Ms. McCollum answering questions prior to the meeting.

Motion passed.

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 1884-Setting the salaries and wages of elected officers, appointed officers and city employees for July1, 2016-June30, 2017.

Mr. Zimmerman second.

Motion passed.

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 1885-Providing for the amendment of the budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Mr. Orr second

Mrs. Williams explained it was very hard to anticipate certain revenues, such as camping and cemetery fees. That's why the different revenues were broken down. Mrs. Williams also explained items on the expenditure side were mostly related to the Flower Creek Dam project. Former Clerk Hook had not added them to the budget. Since numbers were not available at that point.

Motion passed.

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve resolution 1883-Making tax levy for the year 2016 upon all real property in the City of Libby for general and special purposes.

Mr. Zimmerman second.

Motion Passed.

Hear from public on items not on the agenda:

Arlene McGill, 807 Wisconsin, thanked City Clerk Audray for answering his questions about the budget. Said Mrs. Williams was the most knowledgeable about the budget.

Mr. McGill offered different ideas on how to upload city council meetings to the internet. McGill asked if Mr. Hammons had any answers about providing internet service for council chambers. Ms. McCollum replied Montana Sky Net would be at the next council meeting to talk about this.

D C Orr stated when he was on the city council. He paid to have every meeting recorded. At that time he felt the minutes were not jiving with the meetings. Mr. Orr said that MMIA at that time didn't want the city recording the meetings. The MMIA wanted the minutes to be the record of the meetings.

Mr. Teske asked why the MMIA did not want the meetings recorded.

Mr. Orr responded in a legal showdown the MMIA did not want recorded minutes.

Mr. Orr expressed concerns over some meetings in the past between the City of Libby and the EPA. Mr. Orr wanted to record those meetings, but was unable to because of an access agreement that council had approved.

Mr. Orr likes the citizens recording the meetings and wants council to ask MMIA, if they will allow this.

Mr. Olsen stated the minutes were night and day of what they were in the past. Mr. Orr agreed.

Mrs. Williams made a motion to adjoin the meeting.

Mr. Olsen second.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjoined at 7:25 pm

Brent Teske, Council President

Attest; _____
Audray J. McCollum, City Clerk-
Treasurer