

MINUTES
Budget Workshop
October 13, 2021
5:30 p.m.
(TELECONFERENCE)

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Bob Poch
Councilmember Kevin Black
Councilmember Dale Rey
Councilmember Larry Hall
Councilmember Keith St. Jeor

Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden
Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens
Police Chief Paul Bowden

Mayor Bob Poch opened the workshop at 5:34 p.m.

Clerk Stefani Bowden reviewed the projected revenues for 2022. Estimates for the Current Expense and Street Funds have not been completed yet. A more accurate estimate will be provided once the property tax information has been received for 2022.

Mayor Poch stated that the Fire Department will have some needs and wants for the upcoming budget which may possibly include a request for a new truck. Dale Rey inquired as to how many Fire Department Memberships the Town currently has and wanted to know if there was anything wrong with the 1990s fire truck. The Town has roughly 10 current members but only a few that are active. Mayor Poch told council that the department may be in need of some hoses but the fire gear seems to be pretty good. Air pack repair may also need to be done. Mayor will meet with the Fire Chief to discuss the department needs.


Public Works has some needs for water plant and water tank maintenance and repairs.

Clerk Bowden asked the council if they had any items they would like to see addressed in the budget. Keith St. Jeor would like to look into water reservoir painting and playground equipment at Cole Park. Dale Rey asked what it would take for Cole Park to qualify for use of tourism funds. The Clerk felt it would be a long shot but could try to get some answers from the auditor on that. There are reporting requirements when using tourism funds and the focus is on attracting people over 50 miles away to visit our town. Kevin Black asked how the number of tourists is determined. The Clerk stated there are a few ways to estimate it. The most common is to use calculated estimates based on the hotel occupancy during festivals and events.

The council would like to schedule budget workshops for every Wednesday night at 5:15pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Workshop meeting was adjourned at 5:58p.m.

Mayor  Clerk 