



MINUTES
Budget Workshop
October 27, 2021
5:15 p.m.
(TELECONFERENCE)

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Bob Poch
Councilmember Merv Schmidt
Councilmember Dale Rey
Councilmember Larry Hall
Councilmember Keith St. Jeor

Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens
Police Chief Paul Bowden
Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden
Star Newspaper, Scott Hunter

Mayor Bob Poch opened the workshop at 5:17 p.m.

Clerk Stefani Bowden presented the estimated budget for the Electric, Electric Reserve and Water Reserve Funds.

The Electric Fund included a request of \$75,000 for tree trimming for line clearance. Mayor Poch asked to increase the amount for power purchase due to BPA's anticipated rate increase. St. Jeor suggested the town raise the base rate of power. It was discussed in previous year's budget to gradually increase the base rate to be closer to the standard which will help the off-set the increase from BPA. A base rate increase of \$2.00 per month was suggested for both residential and commercial accounts per month.

Rey asked if electrical transformers should be a regular item in the budget. The transformers being requested is a carry-over from previous year budget for replacement of transformers at Harvest Foods. Mayor Poch stated that there are lots of smaller transformer and electrical repairs that need attention as well. The Mayor would like to plan for regular replacements of transformers.

The Water Fund included requests for HVAC in the treatment plant, ERT replacements and PRV repairs/rebuilds.

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Workshop meeting was adjourned at 5:45p.m.

Mayor Robert Poch Clerk Stefani Bowden