



Town of Coulee Dam
Green Oasis at the Foot of Grand Coulee Dam

**Budget Workshop
Minutes
November 5, 2018**

5:15 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT

Councilmember Fred Netzel
Councilmember Bob Poch
Councilmember Marcia Warnecke
Councilmember Keith St. Jeor

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

Clerk Stefani Bowden opened the workshop at 5:17 pm.

Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden presented the 2019 estimated expenditures/revenues for Sewer.

Loan costs for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant were discussed. Clerk informed the council that the first loan payment shouldn't be required until the year 2020. The Council was in agreement that we should start preparing now for the increased costs. It was suggested by several councilmembers that rates go up approximately half of the anticipated final increase starting in the year 2019 so that it isn't a huge increase all at once.

The need for a new sewer jetter was also discussed. This has been a budgeted item for several years but has never been purchased.

USBR wastewater flows and the impact they create on the system were also discussed. The Clerk will contact the engineers for flow data and ERU information.

Fred Netzel asked about needed improvements for lift stations for both west-side and east-side.

Electric Rates were also briefly re-visited along with disconnect/reconnect fees. Implementing a "comfort-pay" was suggested.

The Clerk will begin preparing rate resolutions to present for consideration at future council meetings.

Fred Netzel provided a copy of the Water Treatment Plant Technical Memorandum that was prepared by Z Engineers in April 2018 regarding needed improvements to the water system.

No decisions were made.

Council asked that another workshop be scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th at 5:15pm

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert D. ... Clerk Stephanie Burdick