

# MINUTES Budget Workshop November 13, 2019 5:10 p.m.

#### THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Bob Poch Councilmember Fred Netzel Councilmember Mervin Schmidt Councilmember Ben Alling Councilmember Keith St. Jeor

Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Rich Coffey

Mayor Bob Poch opened the workshop at 5:10 p.m.

### Wastewater Treatment Fund

Fred Netzel asked if the estimated expenditures included the lift stations. Clerk stated that all project costs were included in the estimate.

Superintendent Steffens was asked if a root cutter could be rented locally. Fred Netzel feels the Town should buy one. Discussion was held on the possibility of renting versus purchasing. Mike Steffens will get estimates.

#### Electric

Fred Netzel provided a 5 year projection on the Electric fund for the council to review and consider. Discussion was held on the need to increase electric rates. Keith St. Jeor feels that the fairest way to make the increase is through base rates. Discussion continued regarding base rates and kilowatt hour rates.

Discussions were held on the potential need for water and garbage rate increases.

The Electric Fund was reviewed with Superintendent Mike Steffens providing an explanation of needs in the Electric Department. Potential electric rate increases were also discussed.

No decisions were made.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Budget Workshop meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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