



**MINUTES**  
**Budget Workshop**  
**November 20, 2019**  
**5:10 p.m.**

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**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  
Police Chief Paul Bowden

Current Expense

The Clerk presented the Current Expense anticipated revenues and expenditures. It was noted that the ending fund for 2019 is coming a little higher than expected. Fred Netzel asked the council how the “overages” in current expense should be allocated. The Clerk voiced that she would like to carry them over for at least a year.

Criminal Justice

The Police Chief presented his capital expenditure requests which included Body Camera software and Live Scan Fingerprinting. The Live Scan is being funded mostly through a grant received from Washington State Patrol. The town’s portion would be about \$2500.

Fire Reserve

There were no capital expenditure requests received from the Fire Chief for the Fire Reserve fund which is for Wildland Fire Equipment.

Discussion was held on the old ambulance and the potential to surplus it.

Public Safety

The Police Chief requested that \$5000 be transferred from the Criminal Justice Fund to the Public Safety Fund, Police Vehicle account to build up for the future replacement of a patrol vehicle.

Electric

Electric Rates were discussed again regarding base rate and kilowatt hour rates.

Mayor Poch recessed the workshop at 6:00pm to open the Regular Council Meeting.

The Budget Workshop reconvened at 6:50pm

Keith St. Jeor feels that the electric base rate should take care of the basic expenses. The base rate isn't even covering the salaries.

Keith St. Jeor asked if it would be okay to look at the vehicles that could be surplus. The Mayor authorized him to meet with the Superintendent.

No decisions were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Budget Workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor  Clerk 