

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
April 20, 2021**

1) CALLED TO ORDER

2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mary Dedrick, Corinne Funderburk, Daren Dufloth, Leslie Smith, Ashley Wheeler, Josy Chavez, Roak TenEyck, Devon Mitchell, Bruce McLane, Judy Simmons, Wendi Damerval, Roger Condie

ABSENT: Becky Finck, Robert Hojaboom, Jr

STAFF PRESENT: None

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4) CITY MANAGER REPORT

5) ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Daren Dufloth moved to approve appointment of Bruce McLane as the Budget Committee Chair. Leslie Smith seconded the motion. Voted: 12 - 0. Motion carried.

6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Daren Dufloth moved to approve minutes for April 21, 2020. Leslie Smith seconded the motion. Voted: 12 - 0. Motion carried.

7) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

8) PUBLIC HEARING ON STATE REVENUE SHARING

Mayor Dedrick opened the public hearing on State Revenue Sharing.

No public comment was presented in opposition, agreement, or neutral testimony.

Mayor Dedrick closed the public hearing.

9) PRESENTATION OF BUDGET MESSAGE

There were a few changes made to the budget from the previous time it was discussed last month. The City continued to grow at a historical pace. Our budget was 9 million 9 years ago. This year we were sitting at a little over 55 million, with about 18 million of

those being a one and done deal. This budget would see through the reconstruction of the pedestrian bridge. There would be construction of several more data centers.

The pandemic put us a whole fiscal year under emergency orders. The City, in collaboration and partnership with Umatilla County and others, was able to issue more than \$500,000 in relief to our local businesses, as well as make some investments to City facilities and equipment to provide for staff to be able to work remotely. This fiscal year, with nearly \$1.5 million coming from the American Rescue Plan Act, the City is well positioned to continue to offer direct relief to businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic, as well as make investments into our community (like infrastructure, facilities, and broadband or other technologies) to continue to generate local jobs and local business and community support. This budget appropriates these funds, but does not identify how they will be spent. This will allow for City Council to provide further direction and adapt as dynamically as the community to meet their needs.

In addition to a worldwide pandemic, Umatilla also experienced severe windstorms, fires, and snow in 2020. We were fortunate that damages were limited to property only and no one was significantly injured. These forces of nature, in addition to the 2019 and 2018 floods, have exposed a few gaps in our Emergency Preparedness. We are happy that this proposed budget begins to implement this Objective immediately. The Police Department purchased an all-new generator this past year and this year we will purchase the necessary transfer switch and cable to fully utilize the generator. The Golf Well has been identified as a critical piece of the City's infrastructure, delivering approximately half of the City's water supply. Its generator has reached the end of its useful life. This proposed budget sets aside \$75,000 into reserves this fiscal year so that it can be purchased next fiscal year (FY22/23). The South Hill lift station provides sewer services to the majority of the residents of South Hill. This vital piece of infrastructure currently does not have any emergency backup power. This proposed budget will purchase the necessary generator to ensure no loss of serviced during times of crisis. City Hall, identified as a key emergency management location and safety gathering area, is currently not set up to accommodate emergency backup generator power (like the portable generator from the Police Department). This budget will upgrade City Hall's power to be able to run off of generator power, if needed. In all, the City is investing \$229,500 in generators, switches and cables, and power upgrades in this fiscal year.

This is an exceptionally ambitious budget and comes at uncertain times. The City has been highly responsible with its budget and reserves in the past and it is those prudent and forward-thinking fiscal policies of the past that have provided us this important opportunity today to make significant investments into our community. It is during these uncertain and hard times that it makes the most sense for our City to play well our vital role of steadying the local economy to ensure that it maintains local jobs and provides high quality of life improvements and amenities... especially if we are still able to maintain healthy reserves. This budget invests in park improvements, trail improvements, public safety, public works, housing, the local economy, our businesses, and new and necessary equipment and technology. This budget will strongly continue to revitalize the

downtown and strongly support our current and new businesses. It is an incredibly exciting time for Umatilla!

City Manager Stockdale was proud to provide the Council and Budget Committee with the proposed budget.

10) DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET DOCUMENT

11) BUDGET APPROVAL

Daren Dufloth moved to approve the budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year. Ashley Wheeler seconded the motion. Voted: 12 - 0. Motion carried.

12) AFFIRMATION OF TAXES - \$2.9191 PER \$1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUE

Roak TenEyck moved to approve taxes at \$2.9191 per \$1,000 of taxable value . Leslie Smith seconded the motion. Voted: 12 - 0. Motion carried.

13) ADJOURN

Roak TenEyck moved to adjourn. Ashley Wheeler seconded the motion. Voted: 12 - 0. Motion carried.

Mary Dedrick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval, City Recorder