

CITY OF SHELLEY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2014

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PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe  
Council Members: Earl Beattie, Adam French, Kim Westergard, Jeff Kelley  
Public Wks Dir: Chuck Lloyd  
City Clerk/Treasurer: Sandy Gaydusek  
Parks and Rec. Dir: Dawn Lloyd

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015. Sandy presented some options regarding property taxes; to increase taxes by 3%, to increase taxes by 3% plus use the entire forgone amount of \$97,000, or to increase taxes by 3% and use \$50,000 of the forgone amount. She said the council has expressed a desire to improve and replace more streets in the city; however without an increase in property taxes it would take quite a few years to build up enough contingency to do so. In 2013 the Urban Renewal Area was retired and it increased the city's total valuation, therefore in the city levy rates were decreased thus decreasing the amount of property taxes each resident was assessed for. Sandy said if the city takes the 3% increase plus \$50,000 in forgone amount, the tax levy would be approximately the same as it was in prior to the retirement of the URA. This money could be appropriated specifically to the streets fund for street replacement and improvements. The council determined for budgeting purposes Sandy should include a 3% increase in taxes and use \$50,000 of the forgone amount to pay for the SRO and street replacement. The other fees that will be increased include swimming lessons at the pool (\$5 increase), pool reservation fees (\$25 increase), park shelter reservation (\$10 increase), and sewer rates \$.70 (increase per month).

The Mayor and Council discussed street replacement and how that may affect the water and sewer lines under the street. Chuck said when lines fail and they have to be replaced, once the street is dug up it affects the integrity of the street. He felt the service lines that need to be replaced should be done at the same time as the street replacement. The Council did not feel an LID should be created, but to possibly give the home owners a year to save up the money to pay for their portion of the lines. The home owner's responsibility for the sewer line runs clear up to the city's main line. Chuck estimated that a sewer service line would cost approximately \$2000 and a water line would be about \$400.

Sandy said currently the library is being charged for city water, sewer, and sanitation services, however the fire department and the Senior Citizens Center is not. The Mayor and Council determined effective October 1, 2014, the library should not be charged for water, sewer, and sanitation fees, so all three public entities would be uniform.

The Mayor asked each department head to discuss the purchase they are requesting for the new budget year. Dawn said she would like to purchase the Diamond Dust (a material added to the dirt) to improve the appearance and playing ability at the City Park Baseball Diamond (\$1000).

She also would like to purchase a climbing wall at the pool to promote the pool use (\$7500). She has included a finish on the pool floor to make it less slick (\$2000), and a defibrillator to be used at the pool to follow regulations (\$3500). She said she would look into any available grants to help.

Chuck said he would like to replace a pickup to try and keep the fleet current (\$35,500). He said this will allow him to remove the 1981 pickup which is currently used for grounds keeping. Mayor Pascoe discussed hiring two part time employees in the summer rather than filling the vacancy that will be left by Dwayne Swearingen's retirement. He said during the winter months if there is not much snow the crew is looking for work to stay busy. This way in the summer two part time employees could be hired to do grounds keeping and other labor where needed. Chuck felt logistically he just can't do this. Chuck would also like a laser level (\$1200), and salt to mix with the cinders (\$2900).

Mayor Pascoe said he discussed the inmate work program with Mark Cowley in the Bingham County Sheriffs Office. He said the inmates can be used for specific projects at a very low rate of pay. Jeff suggested using this program when the walk path needs some maintenance.

Rod said he would like to purchase a new vehicle to keep his fleet in good shape (\$32,000). He would also like to purchase a new taser to keep updated, and pay for the certification of the drug dog Mayia (\$1700). He said Officer Swanson has paid for the dog and all of its training so far, so he would like to pay for the certification since the dog is helping the department.

Sandy said she would like to purchase a new computer to keep updated (\$1600), and new office chairs (\$2500).

The Mayor and Council discussed the wage scale that is currently used. Adam will work with Sandy on the scale to make it more fair and equitable.

The Mayor and Council will consider adopting the tentative budget on August 12, 2014. Then the budget will be published and the Budget Hearing will be held September 3, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

APPROVE:



ATTEST:

