
we are discussing the whole things. Explanation of the three proposed budget columns. Explanation that the cuts in the departments is in response to the public's wishes they would like to see... the City is trying to respond to the city's citizens. Brief explanation of the property tax increases. Discussion of the City's desire to make cuts in the budget in lieu of raising property taxes; each department has been asked to take an 13% budget decrease. Comparison of the property tax value of Cascade and surrounding communities. Discussion regarding implementing a LOT tax. Jonne Hower: asks for clarification on the budget cuts; (1) does the budget cuts apply to City Hall; (2) what guidance will City Council provide regarding budgets and raises; (3) a request for relief specific to the Library for their copy machine lease. The budget cuts DO apply to City Hall as well; discussion regarding 2% raise proposal to employees, is just a proposal and these are just proposal numbers. Aaron Cook: inquiry as to the dollar amount if the City Employees all get a 2% raise and if you didn't do that and the 13% cut you are asking all department to take. (Each department has the choice to not give raises as part of their budget cuts.) Each department can make these cuts any way they chose within their budget. The Council can say we don't want to do anything to our streets and keep everything the way it is. The current salary/benefits is \$784K the proposed salary/benefits \$773K, although the employees would be getting a 2% raise and paying more for the benefits would be saving money. Leaving the benefits alone and a 2% raise is only a \$7K increase to the City. Bobbie Patterson: Is willing to work really hard to sale the LOT tax proposal. She further applauds the Police Department and opposed to the cut in the PD and have her taxes increased. Mayor Rob addresses the claim that PD hours would be cut, and in fact the proposal by the Clerk there is no cut in PD hours but actually an increase in patrol hours. Mayor Rob reiterates the claim is just a rumor and that NO cuts to the patrol hours would be required unless the Police Department choses. Discussion regarding the disapproval rating of the Streets within the City. Bobbie Patterson: Reiterates her desire to head the LOT tax committee, and states that this would not hurt her business and would help the city improve the streets. Councilwoman Huckaby asks for clarification on the Police Department Schedule. Mayor Rob confirms that there would be NO need to cut patrol hours unless the Police Department chose to do so, Randy Freeman gets to allocate the numbers. Discussion regarding the cost of the SRO and if the School requires more SRO hours the City should not subsidize that need. Sylvia Kelly: Inquire as to what the money would be used for and concern that what was done last year didn't work. Mayor states effectively yes, but change the maintenance on the milled asphalt roads and how to address the potholes. Sylvia Kelly: says that if we are going to work on roads they should be asphalt; and inquires to the moneys being approved for the Airport Master Plan. Mayor interjects that to pave the streets in Cascade would cost roughly \$36 million dollars and to clarify, the airport cost to the citizens out of

the tax payer dollars is .44% less than 1%. Cost of the Library is 9% out of the total tax dollars, 52% to the police department; 8% of the tax dollars; 5% to parks. Councilwoman encourages the citizens to help find ways to balance the budget. Reminds everyone these are just numbers and the City could not put money into the streets and get the budget that they had. As citizens you need to decide if you are okay with the way things are? Discussion that the taxing district for the School is much larger in comparison to the taxing district for the City, and the City is paying more for the SRO... in essence are subsidizing SRO program. Aaron: Does the school not cover the SRO, when the PD is working on SRO? The school pays \$12K of the \$25K it actually costs the City. Clarification by Mayor that there would STILL be 4 full time officers, that there would be no need to cut officer positions. Sharon Bixler: states that the cut will impact the number of officers that is going to be employed. Presents letters provided by tourists regarding the PD. Agrees to participate in the LOT committee. Carrie Johnson: Makes suggestion about contracting with the County for the PD. Makes comparisons to other Cities similar to Cascade but contract out their PD with the Counties and has saved the City substantial amount of money. Councilwoman Nissula is delighted to the ability to open discussion and encourages the citizen input. Aaron Cook: Claims if you contract with the County they would devote their time to McCall and response time from McCall would be too long. Marge Cook: Also claims that contracting with County would make response time too long coming from McCall. Carrie Johnson: The City has a fiscal responsibility to its citizens and making comparisons to the statistics for the county the cost to the city of the PD seems high. Public comment was closed. Clarification of where the 13% came from in the Administration fund, and that no money was taken from the Building Inspector because she is self-supporting, and has actually made the City a profit. Further discussion of monies budgeted for the streets and the additional \$80K allocated to streets was not done, it would put the budget back in line. Discussion of how the monies from this fiscal year would be spent as well as how the monies from next fiscal year would be spent. Discussion of LID. Councilwoman Hull states this is not personal, and states that we have a pie and there is only so many ways to split it and compares to her home budget, it is hard to make the choices. Councilwoman states that if we don't TRY a change, we don't know if it is going to work, but the changes are not drastic enough that if next year we can't change it back. If we don't make a change, nothing changes. Discussion of Health Insurance Premium costs. Councilwoman Huckaby proposes not offering insurance for family members, so that families can get insurance through the Idaho insurance exchange. Discussion of fund balance transfers to individual departments for the 2016 budget. Councilwoman Huckaby would like to open the budget to make fund balance transfers. Further discussion of over budgeting by departments. Discussion regarding donations. Discussions regarding LGIP accounts. Discussion

regarding that the County's general fund reabsorbs any funds not spent by a department. Discussion of delinquent property taxes. Discussions regarding budget hearing.

Council Compensation

DISCUSSION: Tabled.

MAYOR REPORT

Armstrong Park has the foundation poured and is ready for the next phase.

Lakeshore Phase II, we had the contractor's meeting and a general subcontractor's meeting. Discussed timelines.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

SECOND BY:

ALL IN FAVOR: Debbie Haskins *Aye*
Kathy Hull *Aye*

Rachel Huckaby *Aye*
Judy Nissula *Aye*

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted and Attested by,

Approved

Heather Soelberg, Clerk/Treasurer

Rob Terry, Mayor