



PUBLIC HEARING & CALLED MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kenerly called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Mayor Theresa Kenerly – Present Councilmember Jim Cleveland – Present Councilmember Mindi Kiewert – Present Councilmember Susan Powers – Absent Councilmember Hope Weeks – Present
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Also present:

April Plank, City Administrator

Rachel Bembry, Financial Consultant, JAT Consulting

OPENING PRAYER: Mayor Kenerly led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Cleveland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Kenerly asked for a motion to approve the agenda and add an agenda item; an updated 2019 City Council Meeting schedule as some of the previously adopted dates were listed incorrectly. Councilmember Kiewert made a motion to approve the agenda and add as item #2 "Updated 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule." Councilmember Weeks seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mover: Kiewert Secunder: Weeks Ayes: Cleveland, Kiewert, Powers, Weeks Nays: None
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PUBLIC HEARING – Rachel Bembry, JAT Consulting

The public hearing opened at 5:35 p.m. Ms. Bembry stated this was the second public hearing of the FY18 budget amendment, and provided an overview of the changes that had taken place from the previous public hearing on December 10th, which included the \$175,000 SPLOST transfer to the water sewer fund for debt service, and the refuse collection charges from the water sewer fund to the general fund to offset the expenditure in the public works department. Ms. Bembry reviewed the surplus in the general fund of approximately \$95,000; SPLOST surplus of approximately \$6,000; Water Fund surplus of approximately \$38,000—all which place the City in good budgetary position for FY19. None of the changes made a significant difference in the general or water fund, but do see a decrease in fund balance due to the transfer out.

Mayor Kenerly reiterated to Council that 75% of SPLOST goes to the water/sewer fund debt, and that we (the City) will go before the SPLOST committee, as mandated by the SPLOST agreement, to approve the transfer. City

Administrator, April Plank, stated that we will go before the committee to have both the 2018 and 2019 SPLOST water/sewer debt approved.

Councilmember Weeks asked about the \$25,000 revenue (profit) after the expense of the refuse collection charges, and if it would be used for water sewer since it was transferred to the general fund. Ms. Bemby stated it should have been in the general fund to begin with, and the approximately \$20,000 profit has benefitted the water sewer fund in the past, but after discussion, decided the cost benefit is not worth going back in time to correcting that. However, moving forward, it will benefit the general fund. Mayor Kenerly stated that in the past, the water treatment plant needed all the help it could get, so funds were transferred out of the general fund to the water fund, however, now the water sewer fund is sustainable and we are trying to balance things better between funds.

VOTING ITEM

1. **2018 Budget Amendment:** To approve the amended 2018 General Fund budget; 2018 SPLOST budget and 2018 Water/Sewer Fund budget.

Mover: Kiewert
Secunder: Weeks
Ayes: Cleveland, Kiewert, Powers, Weeks
Nays: None

2. **Updated 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule**

Mover: Kiewert
Secunder: Weeks
Ayes: Cleveland, Kiewert, Powers, Weeks
Nays: None

ADJOURN

At 5:42 p.m., Mayor Kenerly asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Cleveland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Kiewert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.


Theresa Kenerly, Mayor


April Plank, City Administrator

1-9-19
Date



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DECEMBER

- 24th – City Hall CLOSED
- 25th – City Hall CLOSED
- 26th – City Hall CLOSED
- 31st – City Hall CLOSED

JANUARY

- 1st – City Hall CLOSED
- 3rd – City Council Work Session, 4272 Hwy 53 Train Depot, 5:30 p.m.
- 7th – City Council Regular Meeting, 4272 Hwy 53 Train Depot, 5:30 p.m.