

City of Grand Coulee
Budget Workshop of the City Council
November 14, 2023

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Townsend called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30pm.

ROLL CALL:

The following were:

Present: Mayor Townsend, Council Members Tom Poplawski, Gary Carriere
Alan Cain, Ruth Dalton, and Anita Eylar

Also Present: Clerk Pearce, Chief Tufts, Fire Chief Fish, Mike Eylar and Mark Nash

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

Workshop:

Ms. Pearce let council know that the General Fund was showing a deficit of approximately \$129,000 at this time between expected revenues and expenditures.

Council discussed not filling the police position that was recently vacated. Mr. Poplawski thought that the overtime incurred may not be as much as filling the position with a full-time officer. When on-all time is being utilized overtime could be reduced if cold calls were responded to when an officer clocked in for a shift.

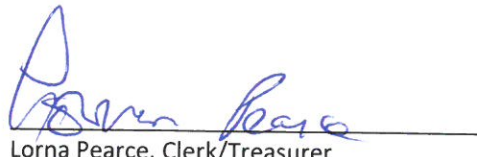
There was discussion about implementing a hiring freeze. Ms. Pearce was asked to remove the transfers to the reserve funds and to remove the wages and benefits for one officer.

The public safety committee was asked to meet and start discussing the future of the ambulance service.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, the mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00pm.


Paul A. Townsend, Mayor


Lorna Pearce, Clerk/Treasurer

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