
MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING: 2024 BUDGET: Mayor Townsend opened the hearing at approximately 6:03pm. There was no public comment or written comment received. Councilperson Eylar discussed the 2.6% salary increase for department heads being fair and already included in the 2024 budget.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Townsend called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following were:

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

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Crowe, Chief Tufts, Chief Fish, Michael Eylar, Mark Nash, Chuck Crowe, Travis Irwin, and Andrea Schumaker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. VISITOR INPUT:

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chief Tufts said that the department had responded to 73 calls for service since the November council meeting. Chief Tufts presented the salary for the Chief of Coulee Dam at \$126,000 which is roughly the same as his. Chief Tufts salary does not include overtime therefore the overtime hours are currently skewed.

Chief Fish reported that in 2023 the ambulance had responded to 612 calls for service and that the fire department had 93 calls in 2023.

Mayor Townsend said a special thank you to all the volunteers.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

5. AGENDA REVISIONS: Mayor Townsend asked to add the Oath-of-Office Ceremony for Newly Elected (and Re-elected) Council Members to the agenda as Item 8.3

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 Discussion of 2024 Budget: Mayor Townsend asked to table the discussion until the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Resolution 23-06 approving and adopting the 2024 RBLM Budget: Mayor Townsend asked to table the discussion until the next meeting so as council members can be provided with the supporting documentation.

8.2 Setting a special Council Meeting: Special meeting to discuss City Business set for Thursday, December 21 at 6 p.m.

8.3 Oath-of-Office Ceremony for Newly Elected (and Re-elected) Council Members: Mayor Townsend Administer the Oath-of-Office to the following:

Michael Eylar – Mayor
Anita Eylar – Council Position 1
Gary Carriere – Council Position 3
Ruth Dalton – Council Position 4
Mark Nash – Council Position 5

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, the mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30 PM.



Paul A. Townsend, Mayor



Chantel Crowe, Deputy Clerk