

**City of Fossil**  
**Budget Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Jeanne Burch Building - May 11, 2023**

Mayor Hunt called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. This meeting was held at Jeanne Burch Building.

**Budget Committee Members Present:** Tom McNeill, Joe McNeill, Mike Smith, Jon McMurray, Sally Potter, Carol MacInnes, Cindy Burlingame, Chad Macomber.

**Staff Present:** Bill Potter, Lea Moyer-Budget Officer, Cathy Goldsmith, and Kelli Barnes.

**Community Present:** John Myers, Julie Knox, Kathy Vonstriver, Daniel Robinson, Marsha Holly, & Mollie Carter.

**Public Comment:**

John Myers spoke in support of continuation of supporting library salaries and the benefits the library has on an individual. Mr. Myers voiced his concern with the replacement of library staff with volunteers.

Dan Robinson wanted to underscore what Mr. Myers has stated. Mr. Robinson voiced that the library benefits our community as well as his son. The library serves as a tourist center for Fossil. As the City of Fossil has discussed salaries previously Mr. Robinson just asks that the City budget for the salaries this coming fiscal year.

Julie Knox spoke against support of increasing Library Salaries. As she herself is a volunteer for the library and voiced her love for the library that having paid staff for two days a week that remainder could be filled in by volunteers. Mrs. Knox voiced a complaint on staff cellphone use and the cleanliness of the library. Mrs. Knox stated that there is not enough library use to justify the salaries of two staff.

Cathy Goldsmith thanked the City for the support of the operating expenses. Mrs. Goldsmith appreciated the OCF \$10,000.00 being placed into the library salaries. Cathy voices that the library is always busy with many programs and have outgrown the library. Mrs. Goldsmith has voiced that Ms. Barnes is an asset to the Library and have been fortunate to fund those positions through grant money. She agrees that these funds are not sustainable and finds it offensive that the City Council decided to not fund these positions.

Marsha Holly a previous volunteer questioned if there is a documentation of the attendance of the library and Cathy Goldsmith responded that they tally each individual who utilizes the library which is the minimum required by the State of Oregon. Marsha is neutral in the position of being in favor of supporting the library payroll.

Kathy Vonstriver voiced the importance of the library and cutting the funding really strangles these programs especially with children who benefit from them.

**Budget Chair:** Moved by Carol MacInnes, seconded by Sally Potter to appoint Joe McNeill Budget Chair. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Budget Secretary:** Moved by Tom Mcneill, seconded by Carol MacInnes to appoint Sally Potter Budget Secretary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Budget Message:** Lea Moyer presented the City of Fossil Budget Message for the fiscal year 2023-24. A copy of this message is attached.

**Review of Proposed 2023-24 Budget:** Joe McNeill and Lea Moyer reviewed each of the funds with committee members.

The following motions were made approving the following funds by City of Fossil Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Jon McMurray moved that the City of Fossil budget committee approve taxes for the 2023-24 fiscal year at the rate of \$4.8542 per \$1000 of assessed value for operating purposes and the amount of \$36,694 for payment of the bond principal and interest. Motion seconded by Tom McNeill. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chad Macomber moved that the base water rate for the coming fiscal year would increase by \$0.91, Motion seconded by Sally Potter. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**General Fund (0):** Moved by Jon McMurray, seconded by Tom McNeill to approve in the amount of \$630,992.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Water Fund (20):** Moved by Tom McNeill, seconded by Cindy Burlingame to approve in the amount of \$391,740.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Waste Water Project (21):** Moved by Sally Potter, seconded by Carol MacInnes to approve in the amount of \$10.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**ASR Fund (22):** Moved by Jon McMurray, seconded by Tom McNeill to approve in the amount of \$829,169.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Sewer Fund (30):** Moved by Sally Potter, seconded by Jon McMurray to approve in the amount of \$562,575.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Street Fund (40):** Moved by Carol MacInnes, seconded by Jon McMurray to approve in the amount of \$350,969.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Cemetery Fund (50):** Moved by Chad Macomber, seconded by Cindy Burlingame to approve in the amount of \$65,296.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Ambulance Fund (60):** Moved by Carol MacInnes, seconded by had Macomber to approve in the amount of \$267,785.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Vehicle Replacement Fund (10):** Moved by Sally Potter, seconded by Tom McNeill to approve the amount of \$121,560.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Well Emergency (11):** Moved by Tom McNeill, seconded by Jon McMurray to approve in the amount of \$22,562.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Fire Truck Reserve (16):** Moved by Jon McMurray, seconded by Sally Potter to approve in the amount of \$28,101.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Waste Water Debt Service (17):** Moved by Sally Potter, seconded by Jon McMurray to approve in the amount of \$81,267.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Sewer System Development (18):** Moved by Tom McNeill, seconded by Mike Smith to approve in the amount of \$23,123.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Water System Development (19):** Moved by Jon McMurray, seconded by Cindy Burlingame to approve in the amount of \$37,001.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Industrial Park Project (24):** Moved by Mike Smith, seconded by Sally Potter to approve in the amount of \$76,813.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Water Bond Debt Service (25):** Moved by Jon McMurray, seconded by Mike Smith to approve in the amount of \$70,910.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**2023-24 Total Budget:** Moved by Mike Smith that the City of Fossil Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 be approved in the sum of \$3,559,873.00, seconded by Tom McNeill. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

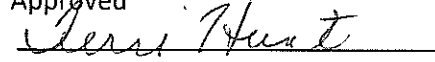
There being no further business, the City of Fossil Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

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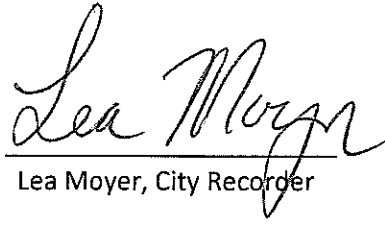
Lea Moyer  
Budget Officer/City Recorder  
Date: May 11, 2023

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Approved

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Terri Hunt, Mayor

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Lea Moyer, City Recorder