

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
PRELIMINARY MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

Note to persons reviewing this document: This is not a verbatim transcript. While an attempt has been made to document pertinent points, these minutes contain only a summary of the discussion and voting.

The budget workshop was called to order on October 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm by Mayor Ed Huber. The meeting was held at the SCOPE office.

Council members present: Mary Branon, Harry Gibbons, Brian Kauffman, George Davidson and Valerie Spurrell.

Others present: KayDee Gilkey and Cheryl Loeffler.

Post Office Furnace

The office did not receive any bids for the propane furnace for post office in time for the meeting tonight. The past few years the post office reserve fund has paid for new windows, painting of the interior walls and cleaning of the furnace duct work. With the purchase of the propane furnace, the reserve fund will be put in the negative, which will be reflected in the budget.

2014 Budget Workshop

The council reviewed the preliminary budget by line item.

The operational fund for the sewer has replaced pumps for the lift station along with some major maintenance items accomplished, some which were not budgeted for. The sewer improvement projects have significantly reduced the inflow and infiltration issues which could save funds for testing and discharging in the future. The council will review different avenues to help recover in this fund.

Maintenance of the Fairfield Cemetery is funded from interest only, which has significantly been reduced.

The water capital fund was looked at for the purchases of a remote meter read system, which would replace some of the meters located inside homes, trash pump, portable generator and a transit kit. A grant to work on the water line is being applied for and the matching funds would come out of this fund.

Utility tax was reviewed. Since grant funds ran out for the annual chipping events, the council has started to talk about possibly doing our own next year and using some utility tax funds to pay for it.

New Year's Eve

Different ideas were discussed for the upcoming New Year's Eve Party. The Food Bank will prepare the meal as a fundraiser for them. There will be some type of activity between the meal and the dance. There will not be a cover charge to get into the dance (music provided by two outgoing council members). Babysitters would be available with games and such for the children so families can come together. These would be paid for by the individual families.

Adjourn

The regular meeting adjourned 9:58 pm.



Mayor Ed Huber



Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Loeffler