

Agenda
Rainier City Hall ~ Rainier, Oregon
Budget Committee Meeting
April 22, 2010 ~ 6 p.m.

Call to Order - 6 p.m. Chair, Terry Grice, reconvened the budget committee meeting at 6 p.m.

Budget Committee present - Kris Guist, Debbie Bogardus, Janet Wade, Bill Wagner
REDCO Council present -
Terry Grice, Tim Navarro, Jennifer Dennis, Robert Piercy, Scott Cooper
Absent - Paul Rice, excused - working out of town

Terry Grice asked to continued where we left off with questions from the committee. There were none.

Approval of Budget Committee Minutes - Tim Navarro made a motion to approve the April 8, 2010 budget committee minutes and Jennifer Dennis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Comments -

Rob Piercy asked if the east entrance project was the same as Hwy 30. Terry Grice explained their were different projects.

Tim Navarro asked if these were the same line items as FY 09/10 last year. Jennifer Dennis explained the food retail line item was removed with the allotted money going back into the General Fund. Jennifer said she didn't know how our line items were addressed in the City Budget. No one from REDCO was invited to sit in on the City Budget Committee.

Terry Grice said line items are for normally used to provide the matching funds for the City when federal funds are used.

Janet Wade asked if the City is required to obtain the grant first. Grice said yes.

Jennifer said Lars Gare, City Administrator, expects REDCO to maintain the line items for the City projects. The Riverfront Trail phase 3 is the only project the City plans to do in the upcoming fiscal year.

Terry Deaton said she understood the Riverfront Park and the Riverfront Trail were two separate projects.

Rob Piercy said the last phase 3 of the Park is for the outdoor theater and picnic area, but there is no funding source.

Jennifer stated Lars Gare said they would take action on Park Phase 3 this year.

Scott Cooper informed REDCO the City's budget vote will be at the next City Council meeting.

Janet Wade asked to move the \$15,000 from Marina Square project to the business grants incase any requests are received for grants. The committee agreed to this request.

Tim Navarro said it was his understanding the special levy will be \$0 from my understanding.

Grice said the vote will be for the proposed budget and the vote on the special levy. The table inserted in the budget is for your information. We are proposing \$0 for the special levy.

Rob Piercy asked if the table represented a change in value. Grice said it was down slightly.

Tim said the value of properties have gone down, but the rate has gone up.

Grice explained the reason is ballot Measure 5 originally set \$10 per thousand of the real market value. At some point they will stop going up at 3% per year when they reach the Measure 5 ceiling.

Janet Wade asked if the City of Rainier has elected not to be part of the IGA to repay the USG loan? If so, would we have been getting \$198,000 from the City? Is that what we are missing? Grice said that is correct. The City of Rainier only made one IGA payment to REDCO. The City of Rainier and Columbia County wrote a letter to REDCO stating they would not participate in the IGA with REDCO to repay the USG loan.

Jennifer asked if anyone has input on page 9 for the legal services proposal of \$100,000.

Janet Wade asked if REDCO was expecting to go to court. Do we get to recover attorney fees if REDCO wins?

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Grice said we would not be allowed to recover attorney fees from USG or the attorneys and consultant.

Jennifer, last year we spent \$81,000 on legal fees.

Rob stated to amend the budget we have to call everyone back. Is the contingency fund allocated to certain funds.

Grice, it is for all funds.

Jennifer said the REDCO budget is balanced now.

Terry Grice would like to ask you to approve the budget authority for the full \$300,000 from the division of taxes and a special levy of \$0. Rob, so moved and Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried and the budget is approved.

Scott said he has opened up the conversation with Wilcox & Flegel to setup a diesel and fuel station at the marina. Grice said the Corps of Engineers likes this. Pollution insurance is not that big so is feasible.

Chairman Comments - Terry Grice thanked everyone for their service on the Budget Committee.

Adjournment - Terry Grice, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Terry Grice, Chair

Terry Deaton, REDCO Staff Administrator