

FOUNTAIN GREEN CITY
Budget Work Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Fountain Green City Hall, 375 N. State

Council Members in Attendance: Kerry Farnsworth, Alyson Strait, Rod Hansen, Kim Johnson, Jacob Littlefield
Presiding: Mayor Mark Coombs

Agenda Item: FY2025-2026 Budget Work Session

Budget Process Background

Mayor Coombs explained that he, Alyson Strait, and Michelle Walker had previously reviewed the budget together in preparation for the meeting.

Overview

- Changes made in the prior year to reorganize, consolidate, and clarify budget categories have made the budget easier to follow this year.
- Budget categories were adjusted again this year based on actual needs and past spending.
 - Flood-related expenses were unusually high last year but returned to normal this year.
- Transfers from Water and Sewer funds to the General Fund were zeroed out.
 - This is tied to the proposed property tax increase, included and calculated on page 1 of the Budget.

Employee Pay Increases

- Across-the-board raises were included for all city employees, including Mark Woods (Planning Commission Chair).
- Raises are modest but consistent with the policy adopted two years ago to provide 2–3% increases annually when feasible.
- Discussion was held regarding how other cities determine COLA:
 - Some cities use Utah Retirement Systems (URS) guidelines.
 - A statewide spreadsheet is also shared among city managers to compare adjustments.

Street Equipment Expenditures

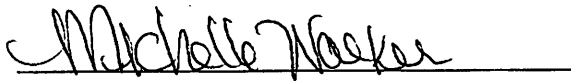
- A discrepancy was noted on line item 4410.250.
- The purchase of the street mowing tractor was recorded at \$39,900.

City Vehicle Lease Discussion

- The lease on the Public Works truck will expire July 1. Three options were presented:
 1. Extend the current lease (2022 model).
 2. Turn in the current truck and lease a new one (2025 model).
 3. Purchase a new truck outright.
- The current truck has nearly 50,000 miles, exceeding the lease limit of 12,000 miles per year. Over-mileage fees are expected.
- A company representative is scheduled to inspect the vehicle.
- A new purchase price was quoted at \$55,364.
 - No sales tax is required due to government exemption.
 - Additional costs would be minor (licensing).
- Other cities have moved away from leasing in favor of outright purchasing, citing better resale value, long-term savings with careful maintenance documentation, and overall cost effectiveness.
- Further discussion will continue at the next City Council Meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Coombs adjourned the Budget Work Meeting at 6:50 p.m. City officials took a 10-minute recess before beginning the regular City Council Meeting.



Michelle Walker, City Recorder

