

ROCKY RIDGE TOWN PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING

October 27, 2021

7:00 PM

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Opening:

Presiding: Mayor Ronald Allred

Present from the Town Council: Ronald Allred, Shannon Allred, Forrest Lewis. Dallin Mangels asked to be excused. Lucy Gold arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Present from the Town Staff: Bethany Sturgeon. Marilyn Bronson arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Others Present:

Invocation was given.

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

This is a Special Town Council Meeting to go over Budget Amendments for the year 2020-2021.

Cathy Lummus presented the Amendments to the Town Council. She informed the Council that this had been gone over once in May of 2021. Increases in the expenditures were gone over and discussed.

Mayor Allred asked some questions on page 7 regarding the total operating income percentage rate being about 128% (connection fees). Cathy informed the Council that the expense for the connection fees is something that we really do not know how to anticipate how many connections we are going to have in a year. We earned more than we thought we were going to, which is not a problem. The same goes for the water and connection fees.

Council Member Forrest Lewis asked if we overshot our recent fee adjustments. Cathy then brought out to the Council that the total operating income compared to the total expenses, we are in the red, however if you look at the numbers in the parenthesis, on the line – total income from operations, this shows that we budgeted to be in the red \$69,000. We were only in the red \$29,000. We budgeted to be more in the red than we are. Cathy informed the Council that the depreciation expense in the water department is a non cash expense and so it is not a concern if we have got that there. She expressed that we are in pretty good shape in the water department right now.

The Mayor asked if this information was before the water rate increase that was approved earlier this year and asked if the budget for the water department was good as it was. Cathy replied that it was and that this was something that had been discussed before. The Mayor then expounded on some of the reasons and benefits for the increase. Council Member Lucy Gold expressed that one of the reasons for the increase was due to some problems that will be coming down the road.

Mayor Ron asked about money budgeted for Business Licenses and Permits; it being over 478%. Cathy informed the Council that this was also Revenue. We budgeted \$4,000 for Building Permits and we made \$19,000. This is also another area that we really don't know how to anticipate how many houses will be built in a year. However, there could be other methods that would be more accurate. For instance, we

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could take a three (3) year average. This is used in other areas to anticipate budgeting. Again, we don't need to worry too much about the Revenue side of it. As long as we are not over budgeting our Revenue, which we did not.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions from the rest of the Town Council. No other questions were asked. A Roll Call was then taken to approve Amendments to the 2020-2021 Budget.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Mayor Ronald Allred	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Shannon Allred	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Lucy Gold	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Forrest Lewis	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Dallin Mangels	___	___	<u>X</u>	___

Amendments to the 2020-2021 Budget was approved by Roll Call.

Adjournment:

Council Member Shannon Allred moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Lucy Gold seconded the motion, all others voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

/s/ Marilyn Bronson

Approved by Deputy Clerk