

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET **WORKSHOP**
MONDAY
6 June 2011
City Council Chambers (Library)
6:35 pm

The Budget workshop meeting was called to order by Council President Eric Cline.

Those in attendance were Councilwoman Mayer, Councilman York, Esplin and Cline. Mayor Joe Cook was out of town on family business. Staff members Beth Ann Christensen, Leon K. Jensen and Beau Ziemer were in attendance.

Councilman Esplin moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The council reviewed the expenditures and revenue figures in the preliminary budget which was provided to the council. Staff provided information from the state regarding their projections of revenue from Property Taxes, State Sales Taxes, State Liquor Taxes and State Revenue Sharing. Taxes from the state perspective are expected at this time to increase about 3%.

The irrigation fund for the city was discussed and questions were asked about this past years operation and if expenses had been met. Raising user fees was discussed. Expanding the system was discussed in order to provide service to more city residents.

Wages for current full time employees were discussed. Public Works suggested an increase for public works employees. No increase in wages was suggested for the clerk and deputy clerk until the regular expense figures are in place. An evaluation can then be done to see what is available for use for wage adjustments. The council suggested that staff put into the budget an increase of three (3) per cent across the board with the exceptions of one city staff member who would get a \$1.50 per hour raise. He has worked hard to be more educated and preparing himself to be a better employee. Staff was instructed to update the budget.

Possible improvements to Idaho Street and South Plymouth were discussed.

The council decided that they will meet again on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7 pm in the Library at City Hall.

Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned about 7:15 pm.