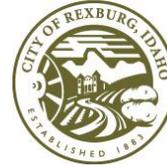


City Council Work Meeting

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Stephen Zollinger — City Attorney
Richard Horner – Finance Officer
John Millar — Public Works Director
Val Christensen – Building Official
Gary Leikness — Planning & Zoning Administrator
Blair Kay — City Clerk

Budget Meeting Overview

Finance Officer Richard Horner went over some budget items for the 2009 fiscal year. He explained the employee budget is 18% of the 2009 budget. The employee budget has been increased for cost of living by 4.3%. Council Member Stevens said it is important to take care of city employees to help our city functions run smoothly. The City Council will review the budget further on June 6, 2008. The sewer rates with Sugar City will also be reviewed on July 1, 2008.

Finance Officer Horner went through a PowerPoint discussion. The items discussed included:

- City of Rexburg Funds 2008 Total \$37,276,100
- Total Revenue Budget
- Operating Revenue Budget
- Operating Revenues
- Total Expense Budget
- Department Operating Budget
- Operating Expenses
- General Fund taxes & Department Revenue
- General Fund Tax Subsidy
- City of Rexburg Property Tax Levy rate

Overview of Westwood and Tabernacle and Museum

A. Westwood

Community Affairs Director Kristy Geisler explained improvements that have been made to the Westwood. She explained all tile and carpet were replaced with donated material, etc. She also explained a master plan for the electrical work will be made before the 2009 budget is set. There was \$52,000 of revenue brought in by the Westwood in 2007 with expenditures totaling \$48,544.

Council Member Erickson made the point that the Westwood Committee should promote and be self sustaining. It should not be subsidized. Community Affairs Director Geisler explained the

Westwood Committee will apply for a \$120,000 grant by May 20, 2008. The Westwood did receive a grant that paid 100% of the big screen that was just purchased. They are also pursuing other grants to help with electrical upgrades.

B. Children's Museum

Council Member Mann reported Jill Spencer is the new museum curator. They have remodeled the storage room and replaced it with a film room. The new carpet for the museum has been budgeted. He also reported BYU-Idaho interns are doing projects within the museum.

C. Tabernacle

Community Affairs Director Kristy Geisler reported on the Tabernacle. They are planning to replace windows with grants and fundraisers. She explained the glass on the windows must be replaced. The old glass has caused some security issues and they are not energy efficient. The ADA handicap ramp is still under discussion. The handicap ramp has not budgeted, it was budgeted in previous years, but nothing has been done to date. Other maintenance issues include the roof resealing, heat coils on the roof to keep ice from accumulating during winter months and remodeling one restroom in the 2009 budget year are scheduled. The second restroom will be budgeted in a future budget year.

Drive Around

Street Projects

Public Works Director John Millar explained the projects for the street department.

- The main focus of street department right now is to do the necessary road clean up and patch work.
- They are planning to do clean up work on 7th South to Millhollow Road. It is scheduled to be paved within the next two weeks.
- Restriping on 2nd East and Main St. will begin in the next two weeks weather permitting.
- Pioneer Road will be worked on as well. They will use the ripper to help with this project.

Hidden Valley Park

Parks Director Greg McInnes explained they would like to place soft fall in the playground area as soon as possible. The City Council agreed it would be worthwhile to do this right away.

Council Member Erickson moved to place sod around Hidden Valley Park as well as put soft fall around the playground area as soon as possible. Council Member Richard Woodland seconded the motion. All voted aye, none opposed. **The motion carried.**

Parks Director McInnes explained trees will be planted on the south end of Hidden Valley Park and will work to the east. He gave a brief update on future plans for all city parks. He also explained new trees will be planted downtown. They are planning to shape trees and place sod in Porter Park as well as to automate sprinklers in Smith Park. They will remove the cottonwood trees around the south pavilion at Porter Park due to their age.

Shop Department

Shop Foreman Lynn Grover showed the City Council the new sand shed. He explained some upcoming projects include the repair to the street sweepers, light poles and getting the carousel up and running.

Wastewater Plant

The City Council did a quick drive around and discussion of the wastewater treatment plant.

Adjournment

Shawn Larsen
Mayor

Attest:

Amanda Saurey
Administrative Assistant