



MINUTES
Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Budget Committee Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
May 21, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jacobs called the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Budget Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: David Jacobs, Corey Case, Diana Bailey, Dick Schaffeld, and Walter Denstedt.

Budget Committee Members Present: John Willer, Tom Ashmore, Wally Wolf, and Mike Hamilton. Kyle Nairns was absent.

Confirm a Quorum – Quorum confirmed.

Staff Present: Chief Bob Palmer, Assistant Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Jay Wood, Division Chief Josh Beckner, Division Chief Adam Cole, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler.

VIRTUAL MEETING CRITERIA

President Jacobs read the virtual meeting criteria.

3. ELECT A BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Diana Bailey nominated John Willer for Chairperson. Tom Ashmore seconded. All in favor 9 Ayes, 0 Nays. John Willer is elected Chairperson.

4. ELECT A BUDGET COMMITTEE SECRETARY

David Jacobs nominated Corey Case; Diana Bailey seconded. All in favor, 9 Ayes, 0 Nays. Budget Committee Secretary Case deferred recording of the minutes to District Recorder Ziegler.

5. RECEIVE PROPOSED BUDGET DOCUMENT

Chief Palmer distributed the budget documents to the budget committee earlier.



6. RECESS TO CAPITAL EQUIPMENT/PROJECTS SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION

Chair Willer recessed to Chief Palmer for the Capital Equipment/Project slide show who passed it to Chief Jensen. Chief Jensen reviewed the proposed CIP purchases for fiscal year 2024-25 and provided a brief description of each item noted in the presentation. Some questions were asked as Chief Jensen went through the slide show. Chief Palmer explained about the need to replace the battery backup system at Stacker Butte Radio Site. He stated that the consortium and the tenants would share in the cost. Director Bailey asked about the budget for Stacker Butte, asking where the funds come from. Chief Palmer stated that the tenants pay a maintenance fee which goes into the budget, the rest of the funds would come from ODOT. The Consortium is handled by Chief Palmer. Additional discussion followed. There was considerable discussion on the purchase of a Type 6 brush engine to have in reserve for call back purposes or if the current engine should break down.

7. RECONVENE FOR REVIEW OF THE 2024-25 FY BUDGET.

Before Chair Willer proceeded with presenting the budget, Chief Palmer explained the allocated funds and the audit numbers. He also explained the Reserve/Special ending fund balance.

Chair Willer proceeded with the review of the 2024-25 FY, stating as he goes through each page he would ask if there were any questions before proceeding to the next page of the general fund. Chief Palmer stated he updated page 32 and explained about the upcoming COLA's. Chief Palmer also explained about the general insurance increase. Director Case had questions regarding the EMS dues. The EMS dues are for recertification. EMS Scholarships will be used to train our people to become paramedics. Chief Jensen explained about the program, stating the college is holding 4 spots for the district. A portion of the funds come from the enterprise zone fund. Chief Jensen also stated that in the general fund the Pub Ed line and the professional line is for public enhancement.

Chief Palmer explained about the Debt Service fund and then went through the Reserve fund summary.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment or written communication.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Option 1: Make motion to approve FY 2024-25 budget as proposed. Chair Willer stated he was open to a motion to approve the proposed 2024-25 budget.

Budget Committee Member Ashmore made a motion that the budget committee of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue approve the budget for the 2024-25 FY in the amount of \$14,315,684.00. Director Jacobs seconded. All in favor; 9 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.



Budget Committee member Wolf made a motion that the budget committee of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue approve property taxes for the 2024-25 FY at the rate of \$2.1004 per \$1000 of assessed value for operating purposes in the General Fund and a levy amount of \$331,935.00 for the general obligation bond principal and interest in the Debt Service Fund. Budget Committee Member Ashmore seconded. All in favor; 9 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER


Director Bailey thanked the front line all the way up to Administration for a well put together budget.

Chief Palmer reminded everyone that dinner will be provided to the budget committee members at Cousin's Restaurant following the meeting. The public is also invited to attend at their own cost.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Willer adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.





Committee Chair



Committee Secretary Treasurer