**CITY OF JOHN DAY**

**BUDGET MEETING MINUTES MAY 21, 2024**

**COUCILORS PRESENT:**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

David Holland, Councilor

Chris Labhart, Councilor

Eric Bush, Councilor

Edwin Newby, Councilor

Ron Phillips, Councilor

Sherrie Rininger, Council President

Beth Spell, Budget Committee

Jody Moulton, Budget Committee

Heather Swank, Budget Committee

Irene Jerome, Budget Committee (Virtual)

Bradley Hale, Budget Committee

Tom Olson, Budget Committee

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Melissa Bethel, City Manager

Rob Gaslin, Contract Finance

Casey Myers, Public Works Director

Don Gabbard, Fire Chief

**Agenda Item No. 1—Call Meeting to Order**

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Agenda Item No. 2—Roll Call and Attendance**

All councilors and board members were present.

**Agenda Item No. 3—Election of Officers**

1. **Chair—**Sherrie Rininger, Council President

***Swank made a motion to elect Councilor Rininger as the chairman of the budget committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bush and passed unanimously.***

**Agenda Item No. 4—Budget Message**

Bethel presented the 2024-2025 Budget. Her goal this year is to hope everyone sees that the City is working to provide increase levels of service and building funds for the future. The Waste Water Treatment Plant is moving forward. One of the changes in the budget that was made is a lot of the sub departments that were within the funds have been combined to just the fund to make it more user friendly. Without a completed 22-23 audit the budget is very conservative.

Councilor Holland has concerns with combining the joint sewer fund and the regular sewer fund. The joint sewer fund was specifically designed to show the cost of operating the treatment plant. As long as there will still be a way to provide Canyon City with this information Councilor Holland doesn’t have a problem combining the two.

**Agenda Item No. 5—Budget Presentation**

Gaslin presented the budget to the council and committee members giving them the opportunity to ask questions along the way.

In the Motor Pool Fund, $5,000 will be transferred from the vehicle purchase on page 41 into fire truck repairs and maintenance on page 42.

The next Budget Meeting will be held June 4th, 2024.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business before council the meeting was adjourned.

Melissa Bethel, CM