

Public Hearing
2016 Final Proposed Budget
Monday, November 23, 2015-7:00 p.m.

Mayor Plinski opened the public hearing for the proposed 2016 Final Proposed Budget at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Plinski, Councilmember Lobe, Councilmember Hubbard, Councilmember Watkins, Councilmember White, Police Chief Coubra, Officer Peterson, PWD Webster, Clerk-Treasurer Kiesz and public citizens.

Mayor Plinski presented the 2016 Proposed Budget and explained for the public. No comments or questions were offered from the public.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Plinski called the meeting to order immediately following the public hearing. Present were Mayor Plinski, Councilmember Lobe, Councilmember Hubbard, Councilmember Watkins, Councilmember White, Police Chief Coubra, Officer Peterson, PWD Webster, Clerk-Treasurer Kiesz and public citizens.

APPROVAL MINUTES

The minutes of November 9 and November 16, 2015 were approved and carried, with corrections, upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember White.

APPROVAL NOVEMBER BILLS

Claims Clearing Checks No. 5791 thru 5802 totaling \$22,296.92 were approved and carried upon a motion by Councilmember Hubbard, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margie Hall of LCEDC presented, via phone conference, to the Council and public information regarding the planned income survey to be completed in the near future, for the Town.

LIBRARY AGREEMENT

No discussion was held and matter was tabled.

APPROVAL BUILDING PERMIT

Building Permit 2015-26 for construction of a covered structure at the empty lot between 10 and 18 W. First Ave. Discussion was held, along with a conference call with the permit holder. Further information was requested, before a discussion will be made.

FIRE REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Coubra reported on departmental activities. She added that the department is working on records retention.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

PWD Webster reported on departmental activities. He also reported that D.O.E. had been here to discuss the Biosolids Report.

He added that the Town has been notified of the awarding of a 100% sidewalk grant from TIB, which is for the sidewalk improvement on the east side of First St. from Fourth Ave. to Marjorie Ave. for 2016.

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORT

Discussion was held regarding the columbarium and rates to be charged. It was decided that up to two remains may be placed in one niche. It was the Council's decision to set rates to be \$500.00 for a single placement, \$250.00 for a companion placement, opening/closing will be \$50.00 and if overtime is required at extra opening/ closing fee of \$100.00 will be added. A resolution for cemetery rates will be prepared for the next regular scheduled meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Plinski reported that the Fifth Ave. Project is near closure.

Mayor Plinski reported the Town has applied for a QUADCO \$29,400.00 planning only grant for streets, with a 5% match, \$1,500.00, from the Town. For the Town to contribute the 5% match, for said grant, was approved and carried upon motion by Councilmember Hubbard, seconded by Councilmember White. The application was completed by Centurywest Engineering.

ADJOURN

With no further matters to discuss, Mayor Plinski adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Douglas Plinski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gail Kiesz, Clerk-Treasurer