



City of Sidney, MT
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 7-12-23
July 12, 2023 6:30 PM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Council Members Present: Christensen, Godfrey and Rasmussen

Others Present: Mayor Norby, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, PWD Hintz, Chief Kraft

1. New Business

a. FY23-24 Solid Waste Preliminary Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin presented the FY23-24 proposed solid waste budget. She stated with purchasing a new garbage truck 3 out of the 4 last fiscal years, there is not a lot of cash savings with an anticipated \$22,000 at the end of the Fiscal Year. She stated increasing the assessment fee is necessary to be able to save for the next garbage truck that will need to be purchased. PWD Hintz stated a new truck will need to be purchased in 3 fiscal years and the current price is just over \$300,000.

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated the current residential rate is \$175 per year and commercial base rate is \$325/year. She stated to increase the assessment rates to \$200 and \$375, that would garner an additional \$79,000 a year for cash savings. To increase the assessment rates to \$225 and \$400 would garner an additional \$171,000 for cash savings. She stated they could also look at doing what the Snow Removal assessment is doing which is a \$25 increase for next 2 years. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin she would like to look into having minimal increases each year planned out instead of not increasing rates for several years and then having to do a larger increase.

Motion was made to recommend approval of the solid waste preliminary budget with increasing the assessment \$25.00 per year for the next 2 years.

Motion made by Christensen, Seconded by Godfrey.
Voting Yea: Rasmussen, Godfrey, Christensen

b. FY 23-24 General Fund Budget and Transfers

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin presented the budgeted transfers out of the general fund for FY23-24. She stated that State law requires there is no more in cash savings than half of the budgeted expenditures, and without budgeting for these transfers they will not meet that requirement. She stated the only changes she is recommending changing at this point is the increase of the transfer to the Tennis Court CIP while cutting the pickleball expenditure out of the parks budget and to cut the \$25,000 transfer to the City Hall CIP out to cover the compliance officer position.

Motion was made to approve with the changes recommended.

Motion made by Rasmussen, Seconded by Godfrey.

Voting Yea: Rasmussen, Godfrey, Christensen

c. FY23-24 Preliminary Mill Levy

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin presented the Fy23-24 preliminary Mill Levy workbook, stating she cannot finalize it until she receives the taxable valuation the beginning of August, but it gives a good look at the state of the preliminary budget.

d. FY 23-24 Preliminary Budget-Overall

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin provided the preliminary budget to the Budget and Finance Committee, stating she will update the requested changes and will do her full budget presentation to them when the taxable valuation is received.

Adjourned: 7:10pm.