

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HEPPNER CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HEPPNER CITY HALL, 111 N. MAIN STREET, HEPPNER, OREGON
5:30 PM June 20, 2016**

NOTE: Where stated "Motion Carried" is considered unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

ATTENDEES:

Joann Burleson (arrived at 5:38)

Teresa Bedortha

John Bowles

Skip Matthews

Adam Doherty

Dale Bates

Kim Cutsforth

Absent: Corey Sweeney, Chad Doherty, Rusty Estes, Bill Kuhn, City Attorney

Members of the Public: Judy Healy, Deanna Koerner

1. GENERAL BUSINESS.

A. Call to Order. The June 20, 2016 special meeting of the City of Heppner City Council was called to order by Skip Matthews at 5:30 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance. Skip Matthews led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Discuss the City of Heppner 2016-2017 Budget

Public Hearing opened at 5:34

Discussion: The Bonded indebtedness for the Fire Hall Bond was left off of the Budget. There had to be a public notice and a public hearing, for the changes prior to Council approval of the final Budget.

Deanna Koerner asked about the fees, licenses, permits, fines, assessments and other service charges and how it has increased dramatically since last year. She said that is a large increase in city fees for a town of only 1,200 people. She added that she never got an increase on her Social Security last year. A lot of old people live in

Heppner and none of them got a cost of living increase. Judy Healy clarified this by explaining that for 2014-2015 the difference was the actual income versus what was budgeted. It only appears to look inflated. The City anticipated collecting more than what was actually collected. Kim said that all the costs are going up, insurance, and the sheriff's contract, all went up. The increases are necessary to cover these costs. The increase in taxes is because of the Fire Hall Bond which was overwhelmingly approved by the voters.

Close Public Hearing at 5:41

Council Comments and Discussion

Skip Matthews said that there was a change at the Budget Committee meeting. Judy said that at the meeting the Budget Committee recommended to increase the water transfer to reserve and reduce the contingency. This affects the fund summary sheet as more money will be going into reserves. Dale asked about the Bonded Debt and if it was for the Fire Hall. Kim said yes, but it does not include the Rural portion of the Bond.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 899-16, A Resolution Adopting the City of Heppner Bonded Debt Resources and Requirements for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016.

Action: Motion to approve Resolution 899-16, A Resolution Adopting the City of Heppner Bonded Debt Resources and Requirements for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016 by Dale Bates. Seconded by Teresa Bedortha. Motion Carried.

- B. Resolution 900-16, A Resolution Adopting the City of Heppner Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016 Making Appropriations, and Imposing and Categorizing Taxes.

Action: Motion to approve Resolution 900-16, A Resolution Adopting the City of Heppner Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016 Making Appropriations, and Imposing and Categorizing Taxes at a rate of \$10.6209 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value by Joann Burlison. Seconded by John Bowles. Motion Carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.