

City of Elko)
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State of Nevada)

SS March 26, 2019

The City Council of the City of Elko, State of Nevada met for a special meeting beginning at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Reece Keener.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mayor Present: Reece Keener

Council Present: Councilwoman Mandy Simons
Councilman Robert Schmidlein
Councilman Chip Stone
Councilman Bill Hance

City Staff Present: Curtis Calder, City Manager
Scott Wilkinson, Assistant City Manager
Ryan Limberg, Utilities Director
Kelly Wooldridge, City Clerk
Cathy Laughlin, City Planner
Candi Quilici, Accounting Manager
Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director
Ben Reed Jr., Police Chief
Ty Trouten, Police Captain
James Wiley, Parks and Recreation Director
Jim Foster, Airport Manager
Mike Haddenham, WRF Superintendent
Darin Windous, Fleet Superintendent
Karen Walther, Animal Shelter Manager
Troy Poncin, Information Systems Manager
Matt Griego, Fire Chief
Jack Snyder, Deputy Fire Chief
Dale Johnson, Water Department
Diann Byington, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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There were no public comments.

I. FY 2019/2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP

- A. Review, consideration, and direction to Staff regarding the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget, inclusive of all Funds, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Curtis Calder gave a presentation (Exhibit “A”).

Regarding the Capital Equipment Fund: Mayor Keener said he would be in favor of funding the full price of the fire truck rather than a medium term lease.

All Councilmembers agreed to fund the Fire Truck entirely in the next budget.

Mr. Calder said that it will be included in the tentative budget at the next meeting.

Regarding the Community Service Donation Requests: Council questioned the FISH donation request. It was noted that FISH no longer manages the homeless camp and they are rethinking their stance on the cold weather shelter. Council decided they would like to know more from FISH to substantiate their request before the request is included in the budget.

Regarding the Water Fund: Mr. Calder said they would like to perform a water study because the fund is operating at a loss. We need to increase the rates.

Councilman Schmidlein wondered if the Combined Water/Sewer Shop needed to be scaled back. He felt the costs related to it were far too high.

Mayor Keener agreed it is a lot of money considering the loss in the Water operating fund.

Ryan Limberg, Utilities Director, handed out some paperwork regarding water rates in other areas (Exhibit “B”). Our last operating rate increase was done in 2007. There was an increase on the connection fee side in 2016. We don’t want to match anyone else’s rate; we want to cover our expenses. He also handed out a cost breakdown for the Water/Sewer Shop (Exhibit “C”).

Regarding the Sewer Fund: This fund is operating at a loss but not like it is in the water. They are not proposing a sewer increase at this time.

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There being no further business, Mayor Reece Keener adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Reece Keener

Kelly Wooldridge, City Clerk