

**Public Hearing & Regular Council Meeting
June 20, 2023**

Members present were Mayor Trish Callahan, Council President Stacy Equitz, Council Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Alvin Thompson, Councilor Peggy Davis-Gilliam and Councilor Keith Gilliam. Councilor Paul Price was absent.

Staff present was Treasurer/Budget Officer Katie Misfeldt, City Office Assistant Diana Pingle and City Recorder Lori Paxton.

Audience was Mark Rohde.

President Equitz made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:50 pm. Councilor Davis-Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.

The public of the public hearing is for the public to give their comments on the proposed town budget for fiscal year 23/24. No comments were received.

President Equitz made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:52pm. Councilor Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Vice President Oden made a motion to open the regular session at 6:53 pm. President Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes: President Equitz made a motion to approve the previous minutes from May 16, 2023. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Bills: President Equitz made a motion to approve the bills. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Business from the Audience: Mayor Callahan announced a request from the owners of the tavern, Nic and Marissa Rodgers. They want to hold a street dance on July 1st between the tavern and the post office. They will have their own security and have permission from OLCC to serve alcohol outdoors. **Vice President Oden motioned for approval for the street dance and for that section of Fir Ave to be closed. President Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Resolution #634 & 634.1: Budget adoption – Budget Officer Misfeldt said 634.1 has the changes on it that were discussed at the budget meeting and suggested naming it as just 634. **President Equitz made a motion to adopt Resolution #634 as amended. Councilor Gilliam seconded.** Budget Officer Misfeldt said the wording of the motion has to be said a certain way and showed President Equitz what exactly needs to be said in the motion. **Consensus to rescind motion on the table.**

President Equitz motioned for the Town of Butte Falls Council to approve Resolution #634, adopting the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$2,319,841 appropriated for the purposes listed on page 1 of Resolution #634.

Councilor Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.

President Equitz motioned that the Town of Butte Falls Council impose the property tax rate for the tax year 2023-2024 at the rate of \$7.2494 per \$1,000 of assessed value for permanent tax rate and categorized for general government purposes. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Resolution #635: Ford Family Grant of \$25,000 for the BF Community Forest. **President Equitz made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #635. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Resolution #636: Declaring state revenues. **Vice President Oden made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #636. President Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Resolution #637: State Fire Marshal Community Wildlife Risk Reduction Grant of \$50,000. **President Equitz made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #637. Councilor Davis-Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Resolution #638: Josephine County Foundation Grant of \$13,700 for the fire dept. **Vice President Oden made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #638. Councilor Davis-Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Auditor Engagement Letter for fiscal year 2022-2023: **Councilor Davis-Gilliam made a motion to approve and accept the engagement letter from Rebecca Price, CPA. Councilor Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon Contract (ECISO): **Vice President Oden made a motion to approve and accept the ECISO Contract. President Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Department Reports:

BF Community Forest: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

Administration: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

Planning Commission: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. City Recorder Paxton said Jewel Hopkins has decided to build a smaller shed, under 200 square feet, so no permit is required.

Public Works: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

Mayor's Report: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. *The mayor and council wish to acknowledge and thank Don and Cory Hamann for donating the two basketball hoops for the tennis court and some new playground equipment for the toddler's playground.*

Mayor Callahan reminded the council that we need to find another vehicle for public works to use, Mike Smeltz has been using his own truck for years with no compensation except for some gas. A brief discussion ensued about employees getting reimbursed for mileage or just filling up their tank at the gas station. It was also brought up that all public works vehicles need to be kept at the sewer plant yard and not at the employee's house. Treasurer Misfeldt said we need to review our vehicle policy as it is out of date. City Recorder Paxton suggested doing so at the July council meeting.

Councilor Davis-Gilliam made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Minutes submitted by City Recorder Lori Paxton.