

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
2018 BUDGET HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
November 27, 2017

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President Don Nuxoll presiding, the Budget Hearing of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the PUD Office at 1500 Scenic Way.

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ROLL CALL: PRESENT Commissioners: Don Nuxoll, Judy Ridge and Greg McCall.

PUD Staff: General Manager Tim Simpson, Treasurer Bob Sischo, Director of Operations Craig Riehle and Operations Foreman Bob Wimer.

Members of the public were present.

2018 Budget – Open Hearing

Commissioner Nuxoll opened the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Input

The manager provided an overview of the 2018 Budget. The manager stated that \$5.359 million has been estimated for Budgeted Resources in 2018. The budget does not include water or sewer system rate increases for 2018, however, electric rates for our one retail customer will need to be increased. The last increase was January 2013 and Bonneville Power Administration costs have increased over this period.

The manager stated that Budgeted Expenses is estimated at \$5.354 million in 2018. He discussed the 3 payments left on the 2000 Public Works Trust Fund, shared the rate increase history of the Public Employee Retirement System, addressed the cost of conversion of the customer information system to Munis, reviewed the proposed vehicle and equipment purchases, the capital improvement project budget for 2018 and the completion and cost of the Comprehensive Water System plan update. Bob Wimer addressed questions regarding the need for a newer used dump truck and a new crew truck. Craig Riehle provided a handout and discussed the proposed 2018 capital improvement projects.

Commissioner Input

Commissioners asked questions regarding the expenses outlined in the budget. Questions asked were regarding salaries and merit increases, office furniture and equipment, contractual legal services, public relations, lawn and landscape costs, pay station fees, operations and administrative costs, answering service, office furniture and equipment and vehicle and equipment purchases. All questions were addressed staff.

Public Input

A public member present encouraged the Commission to raise rates to ensure that capital improvements continue to get funded and to ensure sound fiscal responsibility.

Close Hearing

Commissioner Nuxoll declared the hearing closed at 6:25 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 17-441 – Adopting the 2018 Budget

The manager presented Resolution 17-441 which provides for the adoption of the 2018 Budget. He stated that based upon discussion during the Hearing he recommended adoption of the 2018 Budget.

MOTION by Commissioner Judy Ridge and seconded by Commissioner Greg McCall to approve Resolution 17-441 adopting the 2018 Budget. The question was called for on the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Nuxoll adjourned the 2018 Budget Hearing meeting at 6:30 p.m.