

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Sunday, December 13, 2015

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE Councilmember's Orffer, Reed, Peterson, Blankenship and Ator were in attendance.

ABSENT None.

STAFF PRESENT Present at the meeting were Todd Baun, Wendy Collins, George Crumb, Randy Bunch, John Graham and Dan Glenn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION **It was moved by Mayor Schiller to go into executive session for 25 minutes or less starting at 10:05 am, per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b) and RCW 42.30.110 (g) regarding personnel and collective bargaining.** The executive session ended at 10:29 am.

ADOPTION OF 2016 BUDGET
ORDINANCE 815 The Council discussed the 2016 budget. Clerk-Treasurer, Wendy Collins, stated the MOU for the police buyout was allocated as an expense, which was estimated to be approximately \$100,000 to \$120,000. The City did not know when, or if, this expense may have taken place, however, they knew they had to prepare for it. At this time, we do not foresee this expense happening before the end of the month, which has left the MOU amount in the ending cash totals. By adding this amount to the proposed ending cash total, the current expense fund will be approximately \$25,000 in the black. The City also received more than it anticipated in property tax and utility tax, making the revenues higher than anticipated. Also to consider, the employees cut back on expenses. All of these factors together helped create the final proposed budget totals.

The City has been surviving in the current expense by using healthy ending cash amounts to add to the revenue totals. The ending cash has been coming from transfers from other funds. This practice is a slippery slope. The budget should only include expenditures that match the anticipated incoming revenues for the coming year. It is not good practice to include ending cash with the revenues to fill the gap between the required expenses and the actual expected revenues. The City is still in a shortfall in current expense and will need to address this early in 2016.

It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to adopt Ordinance 815, adopting a budget for the calendar year 2016. Roll Call taken in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT Pam Ator recognized this as Tom Reed's last meeting as a Councilmember and wanted to thank him for his hard work. Mayor Schiller thanked Tom for his service to the community.

Mayor Schiller said this budget will get us through the year but it does not have a silver lining. We are not going to kick the can down the road any longer. The Council will monitor this budget very closely month-to-month.

MEETING ADJOURNED **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Orffer to recess the meeting at 10:45 am. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Approved by Mayor Brent Schiller and Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins.