

UNION BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St, Union, OR 97883

This meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: John Schwenamann, Teresa Stratton, Joel Knight, Dawn Bruce, Dick Middleton, Mayor Leonard Flint, Councilor Susan Hawkins, Councilor Leslie McMillan, Councilor Timothy Cox, Councilor Terra Richter, Councilor Heidi Denton, Councilor John Farmer excused, Student Liaison Riley Later, and City Administrator Doug Wiggins.

Dawn Bruce asked for any questions from last night. The committee continued reviewing the budget. In the library fund Councilor McMillan asked about contract services. CA Wiggins answered that is for cleaning. Cleaning supplies caused cost increases.

In emergency services CA Wiggins said that is your \$10 fee per month that is what that income is. The service fees are for billing for insurance. We just got a new billing company so we should see a reduction in fees there. Burn fees go into the general fund.

In the fire department, CA Wiggins said we only do \$13,000 to \$15,000. I make sure there is enough money for busy years and for training. Councilor McMillan and CA Wiggins discussed the new vehicles that were purchased for the EMS department.

In the ambulance fund CA Wiggins said on line 11, so anytime they come here and help, if our crew responded first, we split with La Grande. There are a couple of people taking basics to be first responders. Mayor Flint stated we need some younger people to help. CA Wiggins explained how the new people get certified.

On the emergency reserve fund, CA Wiggins said we bought two vehicles in the past years, we did sell the old vehicles, and the general fund received that money.

In the Ranger Station fund CA Wiggins stated we only have one renter right now, hopefully we can recover some money once we can rent the others out. We are using the building reserve fund to fix the ranger station.

In the downtown revolving loan fund, CA Wiggins said this only changes if businesses come in to get loans. This has been something I want to get out to the business community. Councilor Richter said I would like to raise economic development by \$2,000 for everything we are trying to do and all the events; it might need more money. Staff and the budget committee discussed giving more money to economic development.

Councilor Hawkins and CA Wiggins discussed getting a grant writer and CA Wiggins explained we are already working with someone; she is incredibly good.

Councilor Richter motioned to move \$2,000 from unappropriated funds from the general fund to economic development, Councilor Hawkins second. The motion passed unanimously.

This meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Approved: 
Chairwoman, Dawn Bruce

Attest: 
City Administrator/Recorder, Doug Wiggins