

Mayor David Anderson called the special meeting of July 13, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Dave Gray, Council Members John Langs, Chris Clark, and Connie Wells, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Street Superintendent John Youngwirth. Also present were Marcia Cossette and Carolyn Testa.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss fiscal year 2010 budget and to review the Kootenai Tribal Fire/Law Enforcement Contract.

Attorney Tim Wilson spoke to council regarding the meeting with law enforcement and attorneys concerning tribal jurisdictional matters. The city and county are covered by federal tort claim insurance if we are contracted to respond on tribal ground.

Council reviewed budget for fiscal year 2010. In order to meet the revenues projected for fiscal year 2010 the expenditure budget would need to be cut significantly. Department heads gave their input as to the cuts that may be needed. Police and fire are concerned about the safety of the employees. Council worked on the cuts that were needed. Connie suggested taking the DARE officer out of the schools for a portion of time and putting him back to patrol. John Langs said that savings had in one department should be rewarded to the department making the hard choices and saving the money rather than helping out a department that is not being frugal. Connie asked if there would be a possibility to renegotiate the attorney contract for a lesser amount. John Langs asked about the timber harvest. Stephen said our forest management plan is about five years out for harvest at this time. Council briefly discussed an increase in the in lieu of tax by one percent. Mayor Anderson cannot see an equal split on all departments in the general fund. John Youngwirth said this is his busy time of the year and he cannot dedicate the time involved to come up with the cuts. Mayor Anderson said Stephen or David Sims will help him come up with the figures. Dave Gray commented on saving money by not attending trainings and being selective about the trainings attended. Stephen said there is value on the hall way time learning from others at the meetings. Council suggested looking at organizations that we belong to. Chris Clark said he did not learn much at the AIC meetings. John Langs asked that we consult the attorney about the in lieu of being raised to six percent.

The next budget meeting will be held on July 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for the department heads to present their proposals.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk