

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
HEPPNER CITY HALL, 111 N. MAIN STREET, HEPPNER, OREGON  
10:00 AM MARCH 1, 2024**

NOTE: Where stated "Motion Carried" is considered unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

**ATTENDEES:**

**Corey Sweeney**

**Ian Murray**

**Cody High**

**Dale Bates**

**Sharon Inskeep**

**John Doherty**

**Absent: Ralph Klock, Cody High, Adam Doherty, Chad Doherty**

**Members of the Public: None**

**On Zoom: None**

**1. GENERAL BUSINESS**

A. Call to Order. Corey Sweeney called the March 1, 2024 work session of the City of Heppner City Council to order at 10:00 AM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance. Corey Sweeney led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**2. BUSINESS**

A. CREZ II funds usage

The council discussed how they would like to use the \$600,000 received from CREZ. The check has been received. They would like to put some of it in Streets Reserve. With the upcoming water project and \$218,000 for the new telemetry system, most of it should go to Water. The city will receive 1.2 million dollars from the state to redo Gilmore Street, when that occurs the water lines should be replaced. The Fire Dept needs more air packs as there aren't enough for everyone. The council decided to put \$100,000 in Streets Reserve, \$470,000 in Water, and \$30,000 in Fire. This will be approved at the March 11 Council Meeting.

## B. Economic Sub Committee

As discussed at the Goal Setting meeting, the Council would like to form an Economic Sub-Committee. This Committee will focus on new housing, healthcare, childcare facilities, and business economic growth. It will be advertised that the city is looking for energetic people to serve on the committee. The committee will have 5 members, the mayor, one council member and 3 residents. Ian Murray will be the council representative. The applications will be reviewed at the April 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

## C. MCSO Contract

The Police Commission recommended the Sheriff's Contract that does not include the purchase of a vehicle. This will be approved at the March 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

## D. FY 2025 Budget Preliminary discussion

John Doherty and Heather Kelton are going to a budget class next week. WCPD wants to negotiate contracting grounds maintenance. This would affect the Public Works Budget.

The council discussed rolling over the investment funds when they mature.

The computer work stations need to be replaced, as the computers are getting old and are starting to have some issues.

The Fire Dept will need a new fire truck. Their first out engine is 30 years old.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM