

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BUDGET RETREAT

March 25, 2011

The North Ogden City Council convened in regular session on March 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the City Offices. Notice of time, place and agenda of the meeting was delivered to each member of the City Council, posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on March 22, 2011.

PRESENT:	Richard Harris	Mayor
	Martha Harris	Council Member
	Wade Bigler	Council Member
	Ron Flamm	Council Member
	Carl Turner	Council Member
	Brent Taylor	Council Member
STAFF PRESENT:	Edward O. Dickie	City Manager
	Annette Spendlove	City Recorder
	Debbie Cardenas	Finance Director
	Gary Kerr	Building Official
	Polo Afuvai	Police Chief
	Mel Blanchard	Public Works Director
	Dave Nordquist	Community Services Director
	Craig Barker	Community Development Director
	Julia LaSeure	Deputy City Recorder
VISITORS:	Dave Hulme	Matt Hartvigsen
	Marc Edminster	Matt Millis
	Rob Beishline	Jim Harris
	Amy Fielding	

WELCOME

Mayor Harris welcomed everyone in attendance. Council Member Turner gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUDGET OVERVIEW, REVENUES, FUND BALANCE AND COUNCIL'S GOALS

Edward O. Dickie III, City Manager, reviewed the City Council's goals.

Council Member Taylor said the goals he submitted are not on the list. Edward O. Dickie III said if he missed those he apologized. Council Member Harris said she had one that was more in depth than the ones listed. Edward O. Dickie III asked to discuss those goals that were not included in this list.

Council Member Harris said hers was not just property acquisition and architecture but the whole Public Works Complex project being done up to groundbreaking; the complete project, under construction.

Council Member Taylor said he wanted some amount of money to go toward merit raises as well as an Economic Development fund established. He thinks we can roll a lot of existing funding into it; this is not necessarily new money. He wanted to know the rate for recreation funding their projects.

Recommending to City Council and asking for when we finish the job audit it looks at actual compensation, benefits, experience, knowledge, education. He said he would like to bring that back at the latest, next budget. There are a few positions out of line; some as much as \$10,000 to \$15,000 to get them to the entry level range.

Council Member Bigler asked how we would know other cities' employees education. Edward O. Dickie III said we would have to find that out. Debbie Cardenas, Finance Director, said that information is out there including the degree required and the actual job description. Council Member Bigler said a job title could be the same but the duties could be very different. Edward O. Dickie III said that's why we want to bring something new back with all the information not just looking at titles.

Council Member Taylor asked how much these discrepancies are affecting the retention of employees. If we wait another year do you think we'll lose more people? Edward O. Dickie III said he thinks a lot of people are just happy to have a job and we do have great benefits. Some of these positions are outside the range but those employees know that we are looking at this and try to get them where they should be.

Council Member Bigler asked if we could have an outside source do that rather than us doing it. Edward O. Dickie III said they are out there. Council Member Bigler said that way we wouldn't be using staff's time and it would be an independent study. Edward O. Dickie III said there are different ways to do it but that would be a good way to do it. Edward O. Dickie III said this is something if the Council is ok with, we would like to have a complete survey this year or at the next budget retreat.

Council Member Flamm asked if we made those adjustments how many thousands would it take. Edward O. Dickie III if you did the quick fix now it would be \$53,000 but that is not a complete survey. Council Member Flamm asked if there is some way that we could take a look roughly a year from now and see if we are doing any better at that time we could do that. Edward O. Dickie III said that is what he's asking from the Council.

Edward O. Dickie III said he would like to get away from a merit type thing and go more toward pay for performance. That would be based on evaluations, like a bonus. It doesn't go toward salary but benefits the employee at the time the employee is really performing. It would be a bonus for outstanding employees. We have nothing budgeted this year. Council Member Harris asked if you this for an outstanding employee does that create a positive thing within the department or is it more of a jealousy thing. Edward O. Dickie III said the goals are measurable; it's not just a simple evaluation. We set these goals, you have to meet them. That makes it a lot easier.

Council Member Taylor asked if we have a specific plan for this getting done. He said he is concerned about inflation. When are we going to get this back to look at it? Edward O. Dickie III said sometime this Fiscal Year if the Council is open to it.

Council Member Turner said he would like someone else to do the audit; it helps us be able to justify.

Council Member Bigler said if you are going to do the merit increases, is that for all employees? If we are paying someone \$40,000, \$50,000, \$60,000 a year, we are paying them to give their best. He wondered if by doing this are we rewarding them for just doing their job.

Edward O. Dickie III stated that we did not budget for Cherry Days this next Fiscal Year. There is no parade, no fireworks and no pageants. He said we brought it up last year too but most of it ended up going back in. He explained that it costs \$43,000 for all three events.

Council Member Flamm said we are trying to give money to businesses. He asked would cutting Cherry Days be taking more away from them that we actually give them?

Debbie Cardenas reviewed the proposed budget highlights which are on file.

Council Member Bigler asked about the statement that one new officer was cut. He said last year we got one officer and he thought that was sufficient. Were we talking about getting another one? Edward O. Dickie III said we do have one coming on.

Council Member Flamm said that the Council recently received a memo from Edward O. Dickie III that had a long list of things that our officers are doing. He said that helped him appreciate what they do.

Debbie Cardenas said staff has cut 7% of expenditures in the upcoming budget. She said we have a 3.5% increase in health insurance and a 10% increase in dental insurance. Council Member Harris asked what the percentage is that employee's pay. Edward O. Dickie III said it is currently 90/10.

Council Member Flamm asked if we don't change anything else but we want Cherry Days how much would that affect property taxed to the residents. Debbie Cardenas said she will try to run some numbers.

JONES AND ASSOCIATES (5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN)

Matt Hartvigsen, Jones and Associates, explained the Capital Improvements Plan and reviewed the items on that list which is on file.

Council Member Turner asked whether the numbers take into account the potential of costs rising. Matt Hartvigsen said they are budgetary numbers and they are probably high. He said costs could come in a lot less on the larger projects.

Mel Blanchard, Public Works Director, reviewed the Class A road projects for the upcoming year.

Council Member Flamm said he understands that the money for Class A road funds comes from gas taxes. He asked if fuel prices go up and people use less fuel will that affect this budget at all. Mayor Harris said he doesn't think so because that would also mean an increase in the amount of money going to the transportation fund; there are offsetting factors.

Matt Hartvigsen noticed an error on the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan document and said that line 'j' under #2, Road Maintenance, needs to be removed. He said the rest of the lines can be moved up a year.

Mayor Harris said, regarding item 5a, we've done a little maintenance in front of the building and back on 550 East. Because of the flood we had to do some investigation. Our Public Works guys determined that if we changed the configuration of a couple manholes we could take care of that problem. The cost there was a couple thousand dollars. This \$180,000 will take care of this building and the rest of the block.

Edward O. Dickie III said it doesn't need to happen this fiscal year because we have a pretty good fix for right now.

LEWIS, YOUNG, ROBERTSON & BURNINGHAM (UTILITY RATE STUDY AND THE BOND ISSUANCE PROCESS)

Marc Edminster, Lewis, Young, Robertson & Burningham, said he will look at the utility rates and prospects for issuing bonds and Matt Millis will address the rate study. Marc Edminster said, regarding bonding, that the latest construction cost estimate is \$7,680, 000 including the land purchase. It looks like bond size is going to be \$8,450,000 as a worst case scenario. Debbie Cardenas, Finance Director, said

that does not include what we have set aside in the Enterprise Funds for that. Marc said it will depend on what the City's bond rating is and what insurance is available. He is assuming 25 years, that is the average but you can go longer. The City's average annual debt service is \$580,000. That is level debt service; every year is about the same. He thinks we could get a true interest rate of 4.82%. In the long term, he thinks interest rates will be rising. They are pretty close to historic lows right now. The expectation is that they are going to rise, probably by years end.

Marc Edminster said doing a bond that does not require a citizen's vote like a Utility Revenue bond takes about 60 days to get issued. If a vote is required it would likely not be until September.

Council Member Harris asked as property is acquired we don't need that much, where do you have to go for the actual dollar figure that we need to borrow? Marc said you will get that at the end; at that point we do the final sizing of bonds.

Council Member Turner asked if there is a penalty for paying it off early. Marc said normally they are generally sold so that they cannot be paid in the first 10 years. Everything is a balancing act; there is a cost to everything that the City does that is outside the norm of the industry.

Council Member Harris asked what if you just want to put money on it, not retire it but have a one-time bump payment. Debbie Cardenas said they are structured in terms. Marc said it would come off the back end of the loan.

Matt Millis, Lewis, Young, Robertson & Burningham, reviewed some bond and revenue scenarios based on 5,600 connections in the City. He looked at inflation and cost of construction and going forward he sees a need for the City to increase inflation. We will want to build up a steady baseline of money for projects. We are not only trying to keep pace with inflation but have an adequate baseline of capital.

Council Member Flamm said only part of the increase will go to the Public Works Building. Matt said that's right. Debbie said we are eating the reserves in those funds already.

Matt explained that he took floor space and allocated the building costs through the four funds; water at 40%, storm at 20%, garbage at 10% and sewer at 30%. He allocated the \$580,000 per year but proposed that \$100,000 of Class C road funds to assist the other four utilities in paying for this. Edward O. Dickie III asked if that would be every year. Matt said if you choose to pledge them, only the first 10 years. Debbie Cardenas said we are not pledging them.

Marc explained that these two presentations are separate legal issues. For utility revenue bonds the bond holders have the right to compel the city to raise utility rates. That's the actual pledge. If you pledge Class C road funds, you can do so for 10 years.

The initial increase of \$5.41 per home would be the first year. The second year it would increase \$3.73. That annual increase will drop to \$2.24 in the seventh year. That would keep pace with cost inflation which will not stop. The City can either have smaller increases annually or larger increases every three or four years.

Council Member Flamm asked if these increases are general inflation City-wide and not just the building. Matt said that is correct the 6.5% to 3.2% gradually tapers down to just covering the cost of inflation.

Council Member Flamm said part of the problem is that we weren't doing this every year.

Mayor Harris said we have the Central Weber Sewer increase of \$1.83; will that go up every year?

Debbie Cardenas said we don't know what they're going to do. Mayor Harris said they will likely have increases annually also.

Matt said even without the bond, rates should go up \$2 to \$3 per month per connection.

Council Member Taylor asked if the funds are really going to be able to contribute this kind of money in excess capacity. Matt said the \$140,000 will be made up of several things. He also stated that the commercial users will be paying much more than a single family residential home. He explained that they used a benchmark of residential, commercial, schools, everything.

Meeting recessed for a break at 10:40 am.

Meeting reconvened at 10:45am.

BUILDING & GROUNDS AND INSPECTIONS

Gary Kerr, Building Official, reviewed the inspection budget and those line items that have changed from last year. Debbie Cardenas said we are waiting for the bids to come in from janitorial services to know that number. Mayor Harris said we have decreased the services that will be provided so that number should go down.

Council Member Harris asked about maintenance on the other buildings we have? Gary said this line item covers that municipal and police buildings.

Gary said custodial service on the Senior Building may actually go up. Council Member Taylor asked whether we can ask for volunteers to do some of the cleaning. He said he is going to be looking at this every budget because he is against taking money out of the reserves. He thinks we need to cut this more.

Council Member Turner said at one time we talked about doing four ten hour days and asked if anyone has looked at that? Mayor Harris said the State has not saved as much as they thought they would by going to four ten hour days.

Council Member Taylor asked how many days a week the senior center is open. Debbie Cardenas said it is open daily except Sundays. Council Member Taylor asked if we could save some there. Council Member Bigler said that the County pays for that too.

Council Member Turner said that part of the Council's job is to look at this and ask the questions. He added that it's not that they think staff isn't doing their due diligence.

Council Member Taylor asked if we are taking \$450,000 from the reserves and we have the same revenues that are not increasing and are faced with a \$450,000 increase next year, are we tying our hands for next year? He said we are bleeding our reserves dry. Edward O. Dickie III said our goal is to provide the same level of service to the residents and a property tax increase would help us out a lot too. Debbie Cardenas said we are aware that if this trend continues we will have to look at things we don't want to.

Mayor Harris said there are a couple things. We want to increase revenues through econ development. Weber County has one economic development guy. Ogden City has five fulltime guys. We're on the cusp of going under. If we look at national guidelines we should have two patrol officers for every 1000 people, we should have 38 officers here. We are at less than half of what a regular city has. We are still doing the best we can to provide the best services to our residents. When you talk about using Annette's staff to do janitorial work it is just not feasible; we are bare bones. If our reserves continue to decrease next year we will be looking at furloughs for our staff.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING

Craig Barker said he and Jennifer Thomas and he are the smallest department with 1 ½ people. He said Jennifer has been a wonderful addition. He said they are pretty big in their approach to what the City needs and they provide a lot of support to the different City boards. Any time you have zoning, you have to have a Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. He said they also provide support to the City

Council and the Economic Development Committee and that has been the focus over the last year. He said they have reduced their budget by 31%. In the proposed budget 77% is taken up by staffing needs. They have pretty minimal charges that occur otherwise. Annette Spendlove, City Recorder, noticed an error on this budget and said there is no increase to capital equipment and that line needs to be changed.

Council Member Taylor said the Economic Development fund is a major priority for him because he thinks it's one of the things we can spend a little bit of money on and see some return on that. If we have some money available to do some advertising for the City we should. It costs money to send brochures out to potential businesses, to hold the proposed quarterly visits with the Mayor, etc. He said he was hoping to see us set aside ten to fifteen thousand dollars total for this and take the Chamber of Commerce, WebQA and the Mayor's welcome and those other things out of that. That would leave a few thousand dollars cash in there and those other things were funded out of there. He said two-thirds of it is existing spending.

Council Member Harris said she is not in favor of removing the Chamber of Commerce but thinks it should be included as part of the 20% of the money going back to the businesses. Mayor Harris said that Council Member Flamm is a member of the Board now and has a lot of influence there. Mayor Harris also said he attends the Chamber's Business after Hours events and talks with people about North Ogden and what we have to offer.

Edward O. Dickie III stated that we will be moving WebQA, the Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's message, etc. to the Public Relations account under the Community Development Department. On April 26, 2011 when Debbie Cardenas comes back with better numbers Council can decide how much more you want in there. Council Member Taylor said he would like the cash available to go from \$1,000 to \$3,500 for business development.

Council Member Flamm said he would like to see us keep it lower and look at it again in six months. If sales tax has improved and we have extra to set aside we could do it at that time. If sales tax continues to go down, we need to hold tight. \$1,000 is more than they have had in the past. Council Member Taylor said the other \$2,500 is a fund for the City if we have a new Economic Development Director they will need some money to work on bringing businesses in.

Council Member Flamm asked Dave Carlson what he thinks we need for a budget on this. Dave said Council Member Taylor has been working on the plan but you will have a hard time implementing it without money. To execute the plan will require a few thousand dollars to print things, market things, budget to entertain people who may come in (out to lunch), If there is a fund there and you don't have to try to figure out where to rob the money from it will make it easier to implement that plan.

Council Member Harris suggested that we leave it as it is now and see where we may have some funds.
Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55am.
Meeting reconvened at 12:30 pm.

Amy Fielding, 320 E. 3625 N., said she has a neighbor that put up a naked statue in his yard and it is very clear to see, as it is just one foot away from the sidewalk. She said she spoke with Officer Hansen yesterday and asked if he could go talk to him and see about moving it. Officer Hansen indicated that he couldn't do anything about it. She said she thinks the neighbor put it up out of spite. She stated that she asked him to remove it because she finds it offensive and he just laughed about it. It is still there. She asked if the City has an ordinance that would protect the children.

Dave Hulme said there is an ordinance in effect in Harrisville and suggested that the Attorney draft an ordinance that would grant our officers the ability to deal with things like this.

Dave Carlson, City Attorney, suggested that a complaint be made to Code Enforcement and stated that he will work through them to deal with this.

COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS, RECREATION, AQUATIC CENTER

Dave Nordquist, Community Services Director, presented a PowerPoint that is on file and asked that any questions be held until the end.

Council Member Turner said he would rather cut Movies in the Park and put that money toward Cherry Days. He said he thinks the City Council and City would be chastised if we didn't have Cherry Days. He said he is not necessarily talking about the pageants but rather the celebration itself for Cherry Days.

Council Member Taylor asked why we don't charge \$1 for movies in the park. He said that would pay for the royalties at least. He said he doesn't think that should be funded by the City.

Edward O. Dickie III said it costs \$10,000 for the parade and events and \$20,000 for fireworks. We are talking about 2012 Cherry Days here.

Council Member Bigler said regarding the meeting where we cut back Dave Nordquist was talking about Cherry Days and mentioned that most of that money is donated and it costs us very little. Dave Nordquist said we do have some donations but it does not cover the cost of the royalties, it's about \$1,000. Debbie Cardenas said that one year we did get a donation that covered all of the costs for Movies in the Park but that was a one-time thing. Council Member Bigler said he agrees with Council Member Turner in that case.

Dave Nordquist said all of the fundraising this year has been for Cherry Days. We could take \$5,600 and move it to Cherry Days. Council Member Turner said he just threw that out for discussion. Council Member Taylor said if we charged for movie attendance it would pay for itself. Dave Nordquist said they'd have to fence the area off but could figure something out.

Council Member Taylor said, as he looks at it, the Parks budget has actually gone up by \$20,000. We have a savings of \$72,000 but if you take out motor pool and lease payments there is really an increase. Debbie Cardenas said we put Dave Nordquist's salary out of there also; he used to be paid out of only two departments and now his salary will come out of all four of those departments.

Council Member Harris asked, regarding adult sports, if we budget \$1,000 that's the expenditure but what kind of revenue are we looking at? If we put \$1,500 into day camps the expectation is that we will get 46% of that back. Debbie Cardenas said yes and added that the adult classes will bring in more revenue that we did not project.

Council Member Taylor said that his calculations show that we are subsidizing Recreation by two thirds. He said he likes recreation but thinks we are doing it too much. He suggested that we increase the fees; maybe a significant increase in fees or allow the parents to volunteer as referees. This is not a priority for him in this economy. Edward O. Dickie III said a lot of the money will come from the adult classes. Council Member Taylor says we don't know that. Dave Nordquist said the Recreation Department will never be equal. Annette Spendlove said all of the volunteers would need to have background checks, drug tests, workers compensation benefits and training. Council Member Taylor said it is just not a priority to him. Mayor Harris said it could be argued that because of the tight economy it is more important to have these things available in the community.

Debbie Cardenas said \$35,000 of the salary cut from the pool is from part-time. Council Member Harris asked where the money for repairs to the pool is coming from. Dave Nordquist said it comes out the depreciation for this year.

Council Member Taylor said he likes that the pool staff is cleaning the restrooms at the pool.

ADMINISTRATION, NON-DEPARTMENTAL, LEGISLATIVE, ELECTIONS, HR

Annette Spendlove reviewed the budgets for Administration, Non-departmental, Council, and Elections. She mentioned that we need to have our code book codified as it hasn't been done in over 10 years. Mayor Harris said we have some major discrepancies that need to be corrected. Council Member Bigler asked how often it needs to be done. Annette said most cities do it every three years. Council Member Bigler asked if we pay a company to do that is there anything in the contract that would protect us if they make errors? Annette replied that she doesn't know. She said if Council decided to cut this we would still have to have money in this account for when we do required updates.

Council Member Taylor asked if there is any law that says how often this has to be done and if not can we risk another year? Annette Spendlove explained that the Justice Court Judge has been asking to get this done because he is running into so many problems.

Regarding the newsletter line item, Council Member Harris said many years ago in North Ogden the utility bill only came on a postcard. It was because of the newsletter that it required a big envelope. She asked if we could go back to the postcard. Edward O. Dickie III said we can check into it.

Annette Spendlove said, regarding the Cloud, that is a server on the web, we would still need to have servers here and our IT people said it makes no sense for us to do that. Mayor Harris said there is no savings for us to do that.

Regarding insurance, Council Member Flamm said there were some things that came out of the legislature saying that some of the things the insurance brokers were wrong and that may change some things in the future.

Council Member Flamm asked, regarding the Youth City Council, is there some income they generate? Mayor Harris said they generate anywhere from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Council Member Flamm said in that case it is costing the City some. Mayor Harris said yes, between \$3,000 and \$3,500. Council Member Bigler said he asked last year and was told the YCC sustains themselves with their fundraising. That is obviously not the case. He suggested we only pay for residents. Council Member Harris suggested that the budget be cut slightly and the YCC would be forced to do more fundraising and use that money for their projects instead of community service.

Annette Spendlove reviewed the proposed job descriptions for a City Attorney/Economic & Community Development Director and Assistant Aquatic Center Manager & Program Assistant.

Council Member Turner moved to accept the job description for Assistant Aquatic Center Manager & Program Assistant. Council Member Flamm seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	yes
Council Member Taylor	yes
Council Member Turner	yes

Motion passed.

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:55 pm.

Council Member Harris moved that the City Council enter into a closed meeting. Council Member Flamm seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	yes
Council Member Taylor	yes
Council Member Turner	yes

Motion passed.

Council Member Bigler left.

The closed meeting began at 3:05 pm.
The regular meeting reconvened at 3:51 pm.

Council Member Harris move to suspend the rules from personnel policy handbook to consider a Department Head job description without going out for RFP. Council Member Flamm seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Taylor	no
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes

Motion passed 3 to 1

Council Member Harris moved to fund a fulltime position for City Attorney/Economic and Community Development Director with salary and effective date to be negotiated by staff. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Council Member Taylor said he is in support of this position but feels this motion is too vague. He said he will not support it for those reasons.

Council Member Harris said she doesn't want to tie staff's hand.

Council Member Turner made a substitute motion that the Council could set a salary of \$75,000 effective July 1, 2011 and allow the negotiations to take place from April 1, 2011 to July 1, 2011. Council Member Flamm seconded the substitute motion.

Council Member Turner said he is concerned with the negotiations in that he doesn't want it to get out of hand. He asked if we can say the salary has to come back to City Council after three months. Council Member Taylor said he likes that.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Taylor	yes

Motion passed.

FINANCE & RDA

Debbie Cardenas, Finance Director, reviewed the Finance and RDA budgets.

POLICE, JUDICIAL, MOTOR POOL

Polo Afuvai, Chief of Police, reviewed the Police, Judicial and Motor Pool budgets. He said he has some of the best employees in the county including four ladies in the front office; Laura, Breanne, Gina and Debbie. He said they do a fantastic job running our departments.

Council Member Harris asked, regarding computer services, why there is a \$250 item with no description. It was determined that \$250 is for Coris Support.

Mayor Harris said we have a board that hears variances and they are a quasi-judicial body. We are looking at having Judge Pat Lambert handle those too. Council Member Turner said we show money budgeted for the Board of Adjustments and asked if that could be used for Cherry Days too.

Council Member Taylor said a new police officer is a priority for him. He asked if Chief Afuvai has looked at a part-time police program or a reserve officer with no benefits. Chief Afuvai said we used to have part-time person who worked for another city as well. The problem is when they work elsewhere we can't control their schedule.

Council Member Taylor said he knows several guys who are certified as law enforcement officers but can't find a full-time job. He has no doubt they would be happy to do part-time work as a police officer. He said he would support a new officer or some part-time guys to rotate the use of a vehicle. Chief Afuvai said we really haven't looked at that lately. He said as much as he would love to have this officer he really has been uneasy about replacing this officer for the very reasons that we're here today. The budget is tight; he doesn't want to hire someone to have to tell them that we have to let them go. So it has really been a concern for him and that's why it has been delayed. This is the worst he has ever seen and he has been here a long time. He made an executive decision and if the City Council agrees he would like to not hire a new person but he would like to keep the car because they do have a rotation on those. He would like to do away with the officer for now until we can make it work down the road.

Council Member Bigler came back at 4:48 pm.

Council Member Turner said we know the City isn't growing right now because of the economy and we know we are short on officers; finding a good officer should be easier. He said he has read that crime increases in the spring. He said he trusts Chief Afuvai on it but feels, like Council Member Taylor does, that we need more officers.

Council Member Flamm said he would like to keep the money in the budget so Chief Afuvai has the flexibility in July if he chooses to hire someone then.

PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS, MOTOR POOL, CLASS "C", ENTERPRISE FUNDS (SOLID WASTE, STORM WATER, SANITARY SEWER, CULINARY WATER)

Mel Blanchard mentioned his staff and the work that they do. He referred to the resolution that is on the agenda for tonight which will allow us to make some money from the contractors who are dumping in the pit. This is a great service for the contractors and with a charge of \$60.00 it would be far more affordable for them than taking their items to the dump.

Council Member Turner said the green waste pit is only open during certain hours and asked if the contractors are restricted to those hours also? Mel Blanchard said no they can contact the City and get the

key and have it opened. Someone will be there to watch what they are doing there. He explained that there is a separate area for these contractors and the residents.

Mayor Harris asked about lawn contractors. Mel Blanchard said no, this is not for green waste. They can dump rocks, dirt, anything to use to excavate a foundation. The normal \$25,000 has been dropped this year to \$9,000 because we hope to recoup some of that by charging the contractors this way.

Council Member Turner asked where \$60 charge came from. Mel Blanchard said they just came up with that. Council Member Taylor said we should go with the going rate. There was discussion on how to measure the loads; weight, axles, trucks. Council Member Bigler said to check the prices and we can always go back and adjust it.

Council Member Harris said she would like to see a motion with the figure changed from \$60 to \$100. She also asked how the word is going to get out. Mel Blanchard said the volunteers will be educated on it.

Mel Blanchard reviewed his budgets.

Council Member Bigler asked how much fuel our tanks hold. Mel Blanchard said we get 2,000 gallons gas and 2,000 gallons diesel. Council Member Flamm asked whether the new shop will have larger tanks. Mel said he doesn't know for sure. He added that we have run out in the past so we could go with 3,000 gallon tanks.

Council Member Bigler asked regarding the retrofit on the meter lids, Jason Reney said he found a new lid that works well and showed it to the Council. Council Member Bigler asked whether we have contacted that company to find out if they have a lid specifically for the meter. Mel Blanchard said we can ask. Council Member Flamm said this is only being used on the ones that have gone out. Mel said that is true but we are looking at going back and doing them all. Council Member Bigler suggested we find out before we spend the money.

Council Member Taylor said we are showing the total revenues for the water fund are 1.57 million but with \$526,978 in the red, it is appropriated retained earnings funds that are being used to balance the budget. Debbie Cardenas said that is correct. Council Member Taylor asked, in the last two years, have we not been charging enough, that's why we are losing 1 million a year on the water fund. Debbie Cardenas said it was pointed out in the audit that we are not covering our expenses.

Council Member Bigler asked if anything was taken out of the water fund for anything else. Debbie said no.

Council Member Taylor said he is having a hard time seeing that rate increase adding up to a half million dollar loss. Council Member Turner agreed saying that in 2 ½ years we're going to be bankrupt. Council Member Taylor said yes, if it keeps going like this.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 6:00 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:20 pm.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE GREEN WASTE FACILITY

Council Member Turner moved to approve Resolution 01-2011 adopting policies and procedures for the green waste facility. Council Member Bigler seconded the motion. It was clarified that this includes the fee increase from \$60 to \$100.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Turner yes
Council Member Harris yes
Council Member Flamm yes
Council Member Taylor yes
Council Member Bigler yes

Motion passed.

Council Member Taylor asked what we are going to do next year if we have the same budget; we can't take another \$500,000 to balance the budget. Council Member Taylor said he is not getting the feeling that these rate increases will cover that half million dollars. Mayor Harris said we won't do as many projects.

Council Member Taylor said we are taking so much out of these funds to balance this budget. We are reducing out future options. He feels like we need to make more cuts now. If things don't rapidly improve we are going to be faced with more cuts next year.

Council Member Harris said when Matt Millis pulled up those figures it's not that the first year we're going to make up that whole \$500,000. She asked how long it will take with these increases to make that up. Debbie said that is why they are projecting the annual increases; to bring that fund back up. Edward O. Dickie III said if we don't act on these rate increases we would be in big trouble.

Council Member Turner said we need to basically increase the rates, could we increase them by \$10 or \$20 and not increase them for several years. Council Member Harris suggested that with this new data we may be able to defend an increase like that. Council Member Turner said he is thinking we should just raise it up fast, like pulling off a Band-Aid. Debbie said she doesn't think it's going to work.

Council Member Harris said she is looking at all four enterprise funds and all four are making a contribution to the new public works building; that's \$100,000 a year. Hypothetically speaking, this City Council decides to proceed with that project, if that happens before this budget takes place, what would happen to that \$100,000? Debbie Cardenas said that can fall back into those funds. Council Member Harris said if the City Council decided to do something in July, those funds are not really needed; her suggestion is that anything these departments have been able to contribute should go back into that fund balance. She said she would like a strategy for that. Debbie Cardenas said instead of using a certain amount out of the fund reserve, we would use that much less.

Debbie Cardenas said any of the savings that fall back in the fund reserve will only benefit the rates in the next years. We have to charge the initial rate increase to get where we need to be.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
RESOLUTION 16-2010 VACATING THE QUAIL POND PHASE 1, QUAIL PONDS PHASE 2,
QUAIL PONDS PHASE 2 PARTIAL AMENDED AND QUAIL PONDS PHASE 3 SUBDIVISION
PLATS.**

Annette Spendlove, City Recorder, explained that this is part of the Quail Ponds amendment. The Resolution has some errors that originated from the plat that was submitted to us. We need this ordinance approved so that we are ready to go.

Council Member Harris moved to approve Ordinance 2011-05 amending Resolution 16-2010 vacating the Quail Ponds Phase 1, Quail Ponds Phase 2, Quail Ponds Phase 2 Partial Amended and Quail Ponds Phase 3 Subdivision Plats. Council Member Bigler seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Taylor	yes
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	yes

Motion passed.

FINISH OR CONTINUE TOMORROW

Mayor Harris stated that by cutting Cherry Days and reducing the fund balance to 5.33% we presented a balanced budget. Edward O. Dickie III said we have \$17,000 left to stay above the 5%.

The Council has decided to stay tonight until the budget is done.

Council Member Flamm said if we left most everything alone except the extra money for economic development and Cherry Days and have truth in taxation to give the residents the choice. They need to understand that having Cherry days means a tax increase. He said he sees that as the bottom line with this budget.

Council Member Harris suggested some things that we could change:

- Take \$2,000 away from the Christmas decorations.
- Take \$5,600 away from Movies in the Park.
- Defer the tables and umbrellas for the aquatic center for a year or hit up the Civic League for that \$5,000.
- Take \$1,000 away from the Youth City Council.
- Keep the Business Development funding at \$1,000 and see about that adjusting later.

She said that would give us money to fund fireworks and a small parade. She said she would hate to see Cherry Days go away all together but she can't see that it's a tradeoff for a tax increase. She is looking for some things that could be removed and is hoping we can save some money from the utility billing and newsletters.

Debbie Cardenas reviewed those items and said we are at about \$13,000 with that.

Council Member Harris said she doesn't think there is any way we can put on a Cherry Days celebration at the level that we have in the past. Council Member Bigler asked if we could try to get the fireworks paid for entirely with more community involvement, if the alternative is no fireworks. Edward O. Dickie III said the \$10,000 will give us the event and the parade. We could go hard after donations for fireworks and that just leaves the pageant.

Dave Nordquist said three years ago Lee's and Smith's gave big money but they are not doing that anymore. We are getting more small donations. Lee's has really reduced the amount they are giving us.

Council Member Harris asked about asking the Grand Marshals' banquet sponsor donate a like amount to the parade or the fireworks or something in the park? She said the dinner is nice to have but is not critical to the success of Cherry Days.

Council Member Turner said growing up out here when they had Cherry Days there was a parade but it was much smaller with something in the park and the fireworks were actually at North Ogden Park. It wasn't so grandiose.

Council Member Harris suggested we try to hold on to a parade, have something at the park and some type of fireworks.

Council Member Turner said we've got the \$10,000 for a parade; he doesn't know if we need a booklet or t-shirts. Dave Nordquist said we don't pay anything for the t-shirts, we can take it out but it isn't costing us anything.

Council Member Taylor said normally revenue is \$25,000 for Cherry Days; if we don't do Cherry Days we lose \$25,000.

Council Member Turner said we would be, as residents and as stewards of the city, remiss to not have Cherry Days.

Edward O. Dickie III recommended taking \$10,000 of the \$13,000 that Council Member Harris found and have the parade and the park events and just don't have the fireworks or pageants.

Debbie Cardenas said she thinks we would at least get \$15,000 in revenues from that. Dave Nordquist said we raised all our rates too.

Council Member Bigler said he can get \$5,000 from Wal-Mart to put toward Cherry Days. Council Member Flamm suggested asking them to fund the fireworks. Council Member Bigler suggested we ask the citizens to help out and chip in financially.

Council Member Bigler said last year he asked for the bill for the rental of the stadium and also the rental for the Junior Miss and the Miss Pageants but he never got them. He said if the City gives it to him he can see about saving some money there.

Dave Nordquist said he has worked with the school district extensively for 30 years. The agreement we have with them now is a good one. We pay custodial costs and that's all. The problem with Weber High is that we are paying their head custodian and a lot of other people to get it ready. There is a lot that leads up to Cherry Days; it's a big celebration! All of those things will happen this year. Council Member Bigler said he talked to the school district and was told that it is not a district policy, it's school by school. Dave said the pageant is the place to cut if you want to save money.

Council Member Turner asked if we can do the fireworks somewhere else. South Ogden does theirs at Friendship Park right next to a school. Council Member Harris said things have really escalated to now we have a band before the band. Council Member Bigler said Kaysville has recorded patriotic music and it's awesome.

Council Member Harris said if we look at the revenue side she doesn't think the queen pageant brings in any money. She said she thinks we're back to needing to make a decision on that. If something has to be cut that would be something she would say we get rid of. Regarding the Cherry Days book, she said that brings in advertising but asked does that cover the cost of publishing that book? We are trying to target some things that can pay for themselves. Some cities don't do a book, they do a newspaper ad. We've done the book for so many years and if we have a neutral budget on that then it can stay. If not, she said she can't see keeping them. With the few things she mentioned we could at least have some seed money to get some things going. If it is diminished, that's no different than the way it is for a lot of households these days.

Dave Nordquist said he would like the Council to decide what the City can afford and what is appropriate and let his staff put a proposal together of what they can do with it. He would like to look into the book and the entertainment; some of those things might need to go. He would like some leeway to put his donations into a proposal for the Council to approve or not approve. He said he would like to not have the City Council plan it. He would like to plan it himself. Dave said his first year we spent \$75,000 and

that didn't include overtime. Debbie Cardenas said we spent \$60,000 last year on Cherry Days. There was more discussion on actual City dollars vs. donations.

Council Member Turner suggested leaving \$10,000 for Cherry Days and let staff make their recommendations and come back in May. Council Member Flamm suggested instead of waiting until May we do it at the last meeting in April.

Council Member Taylor said he is still concerned about too much robbing Peter to pay Paul. The economy aside, we are taking every possible cent out of the General Fund, then we went to the motor pool fund, we are still \$800,000 short on this budget and tens of thousands off. If we are still \$800,000 short this year and next year we can't tap into the General Fund. He said his tuition has gone up over 50% at the University of Utah because they passed the cost on to the students. He asked where the money is going to come from. Edward O. Dickie III said our hands are tied and we are barely getting by and are stretched so thin. Council Member Taylor said Council needs to look at what he is talking about. We may be able to get by another year, or we fire people and cut services. If we take more measures now it will require less later on. He said we need to look at more cutting or increasing revenues.

Council Member Turner said he was at a meeting Monday and it was stated that the economy is starting to come out but the experts are projecting 2015 for commercial construction to start up again. He said we need to raise taxes. Council Member Harris said she is not interested in raising property tax rates because she is committed to raising utility rates to fund the public works project. She said the year after that, if we are still really in trouble, we will have no choice.

Edward O. Dickie III said for travel and training we are at the very base which will cover mandatory training only for City Council and staff.

Council Member Harris referred back to Sterling Codifiers and said if Council wants to move to remove that that is fine with her.

Council Member Turner moved to cut \$18,000 from Sterling Codifiers. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	yes
Council Member Taylor	yes

Motion passed.

Council Member Turner said we voted at the last City Council meeting to borrow money to purchase land in North Ogden Park. He asked is that money to come out of the sewer fund. Edward O. Dickie III said yes and added that we still have to have a public hearing. Council Member Turner asked whether that comes out of this year's budget or next year's. Debbie Cardenas said it could be either one. Council Member Turner asked if we need to rethink that. Council Member Harris said the fix to the sewer could be elected to be bumped down in the Capital Improvement Plan which would keep that fund balance a little higher, making it easier to borrow from.

Council Member Flamm said if we borrow out of that fund what kind of term would we have to pay back those funds. Debbie Cardenas said it would be up to us; we would have to budget to pay it back from somewhere. Mayor Harris said that is not in the budget, only in the improvement plan.

Council Member Harris referred to the Administration budget on the City Council travel and training. She said we've asked all the departments to tighten their belts and the Council should also. We have \$10,000 in there. She asked is that mainly for St. George and the ULCT. Edward O. Dickie III said yes, and added that we cut it a few years ago. He suggested if we were to cut that maybe the Council could choose one or the other. Council Member Harris suggested that if you go to St. George you can get your hotel paid for or get reimbursed for mileage and your registration is paid for. Council Member Harris said the one in Salt Lake City is within commuting distance and many other cities drive home each day; we could save the cost of the hotel and the dinner. If Council wants to go to that the training is paid for but if you want to stay you pay your own hotel.

Council Member Turner said there is certain required training such as the on the Open Meeting Act. Annette Spendlove said she could do that during a Council meeting. Council Member Turner there is also the new Council member training. Mayor Harris said it is not mandatory but it is helpful.

Council Member Harris asked how much of a cut would that take from the \$10,000?

Debbie Cardenas said there is also over \$9,000 in additional salaries for the Council members.

Council Member Taylor said we could look at cutting 10% there also. Annette Spendlove suggested cutting a few thousand.

Council Member Harris moved to cut travel and training for the City Council from \$10,000 to \$7,000. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	yes
Council Member Taylor	yes

Motion passed.

Council Member Taylor moved to cut the City Council salaries 10% on top of striking the \$9,175 that is shown in the proposed budget. Council Member Turner seconded.

Council Member Harris said she wants to exclude the Mayor.

Council Member Taylor moved to amend the motion to exclude the Mayor. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	yes
Council Member Taylor	yes
Council Member Turner	yes

Motion passed.

Council Member Bigler said if you get people donating for Cherry Days and don't end up collecting enough to fund it you are going to have people wondering where their money went. He asked that the cuts for Cherry Days are earmarked for that specifically.

Council Member Taylor moved to fund a total of \$3,500 for Economic Development. Council Member Harris seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion:

Council Member Harris said she is willing to have this \$3,500 in there but wants to look at that when the Council is brought the numbers of what is actually coming in.

Council Member Bigler said it is 20% of the additional business license fees collected that are supposed to go back to that fund; we need to look at that.

Edward O. Dickie III said the GovQA should be included in the 20%. That is something we did for the businesses specifically and that is \$2,400 a year.

Council Member Turner said this new position wasn't just created for businesses currently in North Ogden. It was to go out and market us. He wasn't really hip on the \$3,500 but if the new guy can come in and use that \$3,500 to really produce something. He could even see a reason to increase it. He said he thinks the 20% was meant for existing businesses and the \$3,500 should be for new business growth.

Council Member Bigler asked if we could use the Chamber of Commerce money to market ourselves.

Council Member Harris said she likes the Chamber and she is thinking of when the credit union opened and the Chamber did the ribbon cutting and all the hoopla. There is a lot of networking going on and it gets people more interested in North Ogden. She said she really feels that there is value to the Chamber.

Council Member Flamm suggested that the Chamber of Commerce be kept in for now and revisited in December if we need to make adjustments. He has already made some recommendations about the Chamber. Mayor Harris said he thinks it is shortsighted to drop out of the Chamber at this point.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	no
Council Member Taylor	yes
Council Member Turner	yes

Motion passed 4 to 1.

Debbie Cardenas asked for clarification on the items that were to be cut from the Cherry Days budget. Council Member Harris said her understanding is that we were going to put in \$10,000 and staff is going to come up with some strategies to come up with a celebration. Mayor Harris stated that the budget will need to reflect the \$10,000 from the City and any donations. Debbie Cardenas said if we put in \$10,000 and Dave Nordquist raises \$30,000 the budget has to show the entire \$40,000 on the expenditure side.

Dave Carlson said we could put in the revenue and expenditures now and do a budget amendment later to add the donations as revenue. For now we could just have \$10,000 and know that we will have to do a budget amendment later. Mayor Harris said the public will look at that and think it's right, we know we will never put Cherry Days on for \$10,000.

Council Member Harris moved to put \$10,000 for the City's expenditure column on Cherry Days and the financial people will work out the details. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	yes
Council Member Taylor	yes
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes

Motion passed.

Council Member Harris said she wants to go back to the discussion about Public Works building and the timeline on the bond issuance process. She said she has been very vocal about her feelings on the type of bond; she is in favor of a utility revenue bond. She said she has been very vocal about her feelings about the need for a new public works building. She said she has been very pleased with the data we received from Marc and Matt with LYRB. It appears that we would need an adoption of parameters resolution and she is not quite sure how much detail is required. Would just saying something like that in the form of a motion with the intent of pursuing a utility revenue bond suffice or would we need to get more specific?

Council Member Harris said to commit to the bonding for the project which means there is a vote to continue. She said the timing of the process sounded to her like we need the motion and then we need to hold a public hearing. Debbie Cardenas said we would need to meet with Bond Council and they would help us prepare.

Council Member Harris moved that staff should meet with bond council to begin the preparation for the adoption of parameters resolution with the notice of intent to issue bonds and to draft a preliminary official statement related to the bond document. Council Member Flamm seconded the motion.

Council Member Bigler asked for clarification on the motion, what are we voting on.

Debbie Cardenas said the vote will be on our intent to issue the bonds; we will determine the details when we meet with the bond council. She said the Council is voting that staff meet with the bond council to start the process; the first step is preparing the parameters resolution notifying the public that we intend to issue bonds.

Dave Carlson said as a practical matter there are a lot of statutes that deal with bonds. Council is not voting on this yet, they are only directing staff to get with bond council to get the ball rolling. Then this resolution will be brought back to the Council with all the information. In order for the financial institutions to start the work they have to do they need to know that you are committed to going down this road. They don't work for free. This vote tonight doesn't mean it's irreversible.

Council Member Bigler asked how much this process will cost. Debbie Cardenas said Marc Edminster has those numbers but she can get that information for Council. Council Member Flamm said we are not committed to do anything tonight by this vote.

Council Member Harris said she feels it is critical to keep moving on this. We will be looking at some property acquisition; we have to have money to pay for it, or at least a plan to pay for it. Council Member Flamm said it will take time to get the bonds and the architects; we are looking at months before we can do anything.

Council Member Bigler said he doesn't think this is the proper order to do this whole thing. He said the first thing is to do the public hearing. Council Member Taylor agreed and said we have yet to introduce this to the public. There is a significant utility rate increase attached to this and that is the first step. Council Member Flamm said that is not the case, unless you have your ducks in a row and have

something to show them, you can't present anything. He said he thinks we need to be able to show a picture to the public.

Council Member Taylor said he would rather not do this tonight; we could use what we have and borrow from an enterprise fund until the bond comes through. He thinks that will be better in the long run. Council Member Harris said this has been on the Capital Improvement Plan for at least five years. This has been on the website and it's in the paper. This is no surprise and if every time we have new council members we start over again we will never get going. Council Member Taylor said no one has ever mentioned a utility increase to the public.

Debbie Cardenas said the initial reactions for those people who don't want the new complex are going to be negative no matter how we approach it; we need to overcome that with our public relations campaign.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	no
Council Member Taylor	no
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes

Motion passed 3 to 2.

Council Member Taylor said he would like to know if there is any support for him in cutting recreation. He thinks we need to cut more from this budget or increase user fees. Mayor Harris asked specifically what programs he would propose to cut.

Council Member Bigler it mentions drug testing for employees, could they pay their own? Annette said we require it for new employees and random testing. Council Member Bigler asked if we can require them to pay their own for new hires. Council Member Turner said you can't require them to pay for the test but if they fail a test you can make them pay to retake it.

Council Member Bigler asked about the \$500 budgeted for amphitheater programs and whether we can do away with that right now? It's not much but every little bit can add up. Dave Nordquist suggested we cut Movies in the Park next year. He agreed with the Council that it should be community funded. He proposed that Council take Movies in the Park \$5,600 savings. Edward O. Dickie III it will be there this summer then gone but Dave Nordquist will try to get donations to fund it in the future.

Council Member Harris said there are a lot of things we will be doing without but we hope it is just this year. Council Member Taylor said we are still going to be short next year; he is worried about the long term employees. If the economy doesn't improve massively it is still going to trickle down to the employees.

Council Member Flamm said that looking at actual numbers for sales tax; the trend has been going up since June 2010. He suggested doing what we can this year and seeing what happens.

Council Member Bigler moved to remove the \$500 amphitheater programs, \$5,600 for Movies in the Park and \$1,000 for Talent in the Park. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	yes
Council Member Taylor	yes
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes

Motion passed.

Council Member Turner suggests not hiring a police officer per Polo's recommendation but keep the money for the car. That would save \$31,000 for this year and transfer that the fund reserves. Debbie Cardenas said this is something we need to do at a budget opening.

Council Member Turner asked if we want to not do it next year. Council Member Flamm asked for Polo's recommendation. Polo Afuvai said we need to look at it next year. Council Member Turner asked can we take it out of the remainder of this year and not hire a new officer until Jan 2012. That would save us another \$31,000. Edward O. Dickie III suggested that Polo interview in July and get someone in that position next summer.

Council Member Turner moved to direct staff to not hire a new police officer until July. Council Member Flamm seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	yes
Council Member Taylor	no
Council Member Turner	yes

Motion passed 4 to 1.

Council Member Taylor moved to require the recreation department to self-fund at 50% of their entire budget and work a budget to fund 50% of entire operating costs.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Taylor suggested adding a tax increase to not deplete the City's reserves entirely and not have a budget that is \$800,000 out of balance. He said he is ready to make more cuts. Council Member Harris said she mentioned that and she is not willing to go forward with a tax increase because she is committed to the fee increase in utilities. Debbie Cardenas said based on an old formula every \$28,000 increase is a \$6 increase per resident per year or \$0.54 per month.

Council Member Taylor said we cannot continue to fund out of savings. Council Member Turner said he agrees with Council Member Taylor that we need to raise taxes. The utility rates need to go up too. He also thinks we have cut what we can but would have to look at it more in depth. If we tell the residents their rates are going up and taxes going up, it's going to be a mess.

Council Member Taylor moved to direct staff to research how much of a tax increase would be required to produce an additional \$200,000 per year. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Flamm	no
Council Member Bigler	no
Council Member Taylor	yes
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes

Motion passed 3 to 2.

Council Member Taylor said he would like more info on the Youth City Council how many members are residents. Mayor Harris said he can find that out and let the City Council know.

Council Member Bigler said account 10-64-425, trail maintenance, is \$8,000. He asked if that is a onetime thing for upgrades. Dave Nordquist said that is for fencing Cherry Way. It was \$10,000 but he took \$2,000 out. He said we will get in trouble if we don't get the fence up.

PUBLIC/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Turner thanked staff for everything they have been doing. He said they have done a great job. He said he is not a municipal person but he knows how to cut construction budgets. He said if there are things that staff can see that can still be cut they should let the Council know.

Mayor Harris said he and Council Member Harris have been the champions of the 10% fund balance. Staff did their best to do that but it would have included furloughs and/or employee cuts. He said we may still be getting into some of those things. He said he was the one who suggested letting it dip below that 10%.

Edward O. Dickie III said we will come back on April 26th and talk about business licenses some more, Dave Nordquist will also talk about Cherry Days.

Council Member Flamm suggested that we look at Cherry Days and if staff needs more to do a decent event, let Council know.

Dave Hulme, 513 E 1700 N, thanked the City Council for their work and hospitality. He requested that expenditures and revenues be on one sheet. He said that could have saved a couple hours today if it were clearer. He thinks we need to raise taxes 5% this year. If we wait and do a 10% increase next year it will be worse. He suggested that Council Members ask themselves if they wish you had raised property taxes previously so they weren't in a position like this now. It's better to do that kind of thing every year. You should look at whether you feel good about the items in this budget. Once you have to pull the trigger and raise taxes it will make some other things less palatable.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Flamm moved to adjourn. Council Member Harris seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Bigler	yes
Council Member Taylor	yes
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Richard G. Harris, Mayor

S. Annette Spendlove, CMC
City Recorder

Date approved