

STATE OF IDAHO )  
COUNTY OF BONNER )  
CITY OF PRIEST RIVER )

**MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 08/14/23**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**OPENING** – Mayor Connolly called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:30 pm on Monday, August 14, 2023, at the Priest River City Hall Council Chambers, 552 High Street, Priest River, Idaho.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Council Member Wagner, Council Member Turner, Council Member Yount, and Council Member Mullaley. Absent: None

Staff Present: Mayor Connolly, City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas, City Attorney Elsaesser, and Public Works Supervisor Coleman.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE 50-1002, REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2023, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.**

Mayor Connolly opened the public hearing at 5:31 pm. Discussion ensued.

General Fund:	\$1,190,691.00
Street Fund:	\$ 814,270.00
Water Fund:	\$1,184,108.00
Sewer Fund:	\$ 953,676.00
<u>Impact Fee Fund:</u>	<u>\$ 15,136.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,157,881.00

**Questions from the Council:** Council Member Wagner asked about the school resource officer contract with the West Bonner County School District #83. City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas answered that the signed contract had been received.

**Written Testimony:** None

**Testimony from Those Supporting:** None

**Testimony from Those Uncommitted:** **Steve Dilley, 399 Larch Street**, asked for a copy of the proposed budget, asked if Larch Street repairs were budgeted in, asked about utility rate increases, and asked how many homes were built in the current year. City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas and Mayor Connolly answered his questions.

**Testimony from Those Opposing:** None

Mayor Connolly closed public testimony at 5:38 pm. Lengthy discussion ensued.

**1. APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 630**

**Council Member Turner made a motion to adopt Ordinance 630 under suspension of the rules. Council Member Yount seconded the motion. After**

discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: **AYES:** Council Member Turner, Council Member Yount, Council Member Mullaley, and Council Member Wagner. **NAYS:** None.

**3. BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTION 23-027 – FY24 UTILITY FEE SCHEDULE**

Lengthy discussion ensued.

**Council Member Yount made a motion to approve Resolution 23-027, the utility fee schedule as presented and discussed, with a 4% water increase and a 4% sewer increase, effective October 1, 2023. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

**B. JOHN DEERE LOADER AND PLOW BLADE – FY24 LEASE QUOTES**

Discussion ensued. This item was tabled until a delivery date for the equipment has been established.

**ADJOURN:**

**Council Member Mullaley made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 pm. Council Member Yount seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

Motion to approve minutes of 08/14/23: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED:

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Jeff Connolly  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laurel Thomas, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer