

BUDGET WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024
HAYDEN TOWN HALL
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
5:00 P.M.

This is a Budget Work Session and the Town Council will discuss but take no action on the matter set forth below.

The Budget meeting was started at 5:10 p.m.

Present: Mayor Dean Hetrick, Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith, Council Members, Robert Manriquez, Bernardino Cruz, Thomas Lagunas

Staff: Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Police Chief Brian Marquez, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, Finance Director Teresa Williams, Town Clerk Laura Romero

Audience: Gila County Supervisor Woody Cline, Cathy Melvin-Gila County, Maria Lopez-Hayden Little League, Officer Brandon Gomez-Hayden PD, Ian and Valerie Murton

Discussion on the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mayor Hetrick asked Finance Director Williams if grants were set at \$3,500,000? Finance Director responded yes, she clarified \$2,000,000 of this grant amount is from Senator Mark Kelly's office that the town is still working on. Finance Director Williams summarized the preliminary estimated budget for the Mayor and Council. She stated that the budget didn't include raises for the employees or health insurance increases, the only increase is the minimum wage to \$15/hour. The property tax remains at \$13.00 per \$1,000, there was a property decline of \$46,000 for the FY budget. She has included a 6.5% utility increase. Finance Director Williams requested direction from the Mayor and Council as far as rate increases they would like see for the budget. Finance Director Williams asked if the Mayor and Council would like for her to post the Notice of Proposed Fee Increases on the town website. Mayor Hetrick said yes.

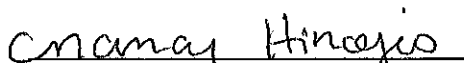
Mayor Hetrick stated that other rate increases will have to be discussed at the next Budget Work Session. He also mentioned that the council will have to consider re-evaluating the use of the golf course to meet the needs of the community's use of resources.

Next Budget Work Session set for April 15, 2024.

The Budget Work Session ended at 5:20 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a Budget Work Session on the 18th day of March 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.


Nancy Hinojos, Deputy Town Clerk

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