

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the special budget meeting to order on November 3rd, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call: Tim Clapper, Aron Fraizer, Kay Hines, Mark Phillips, Emily Shaffer, and Chris Sherbourne. Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis and Administrator Derek Allen were also present.

Shaffer asked to allocate more funds for roads. Allen stated that we don't have enough. Sherbourne said, we need to pull down the general fund to do the streets.' Allen reminded them that there are many roads with infrastructure underneath them that need to be repaired first. He said we could pave all of the new subdivisions.

Hines commented that she doesn't want to spend general fund money without identifying what it is being used for. Allen stated that before we spent down the general fund, he reminded everyone that the police department comes out of the general fund and their budget keeps increasing every year.

Fraizer asked if there was any money for the new parking lot we bought. Allen said we don't have any extra.

Clapper commented that we need an engineer to help with the street work to get OPWC money for paving.

Phillips brought up the trash service and whether we will eliminate it. Allen said that the trash fund isn't growing, but the expenses are. Clapper said that we would lose the revenue from the trash service. Shaffer and Clapper both stated that we are not thinking of the residents if we eliminate our trash service.

Sherbourne asked if we need to raise rates. Allen said that we need to start exploring our options, as one employee is retiring and another is potentially quitting. Allen also said that we will need to do a rate study for the trash service.

Allen went over the budget cover letter.

Shaffer asked about outsourcing the mowing. Sherbourne would like to get estimates. Allen commented that the only way to do this is to cut personnel. Sherbourne was thinking of the employees and utilizing them elsewhere.

Meeting Adjourned 6:49 pm.

Attest:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor

