



# MINUTES

## SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

Soap Lake Community Center/Senior Center  
121 2nd Ave SE, Soap Lake, WA 98851

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

In attendance: Mayor DuPuy; Council Members: Bryson, Carlson, Carson, Sharp, Taylor and Woodhouse; Police Chief Cox; Deputy Clerk Olson and Administrative Assistant Siebert

### 2. AGENDA ITEMS:

a. 2024 Preliminary Budget Discussion- Mayor DuPuy thanked Councilmember Taylor, who has been acting Mayor Pro Tempore, for her hard work on getting a budget ready for presentation to the Council, for working with City Staff, and for auditing funds for discrepancies. Councilmember Taylor presented a budget for 2024. This budget included an increase to revenues by 5% and a decrease of expenditures by 5% with an ending 2024 Revenues minus Expenditures of \$834,869.14

b. 2024 Final Budget Recommendation – Councilmember Taylor shared her recommendations to Councilmembers that would help City Staff keep the budget audited, place standards and best practices into daily City Hall Staff duties, and the importance of reviewing current water, sewer and garbage rate increases to keep the City on track for funding of future infrastructure upgrades. Discussion led to a possible committee being formed, led by the Mayor, to review the Gray & Osborne recommendations and reaching out to the community for input on future rate increases. There will also be monthly meetings to include the Mayor and Department Heads to review the budget and expenditures/revenues on a monthly basis. The Mayor was optimistic about working with all City Staff and continuing to build good communication and cooperation between all departments and the community.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

**M/Sharp, S/Taylor;** to adjourned at 6:14 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Allen DuPuy, Mayor