

MINUTES
CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION
October 28, 2025
6:00 PM, City Hall and Remote

Items with an asterisk (*) have been added or modified after the initial draft publication of the Agenda.

ATTENDING

Elected Officials: **Mayor Scott Anderson; Councilmembers Dave Cox, Michael Johnson, Lucy Lauser, Chuck Oldfield, Pat Rice.**

City Staff: **City Administrator Wesley Wootten; Jayne Borden, Finance Director, Ray Broughton, Stevenson Fire Chief**

Guests: Ann Leuders, Skamania County EMS Superintendent

Public participants: Jeff Breckel, Skamania County Sheriff Summer Scheyer

1. CALL TO ORDER/PRESENTATION TO THE FLAG: **Mayor Anderson** called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He noted the meeting was for the purpose of presenting the proposed city budget for 2026.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None received.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Jeff Breckel commented on the budget details, and noted inclusion of trend lines would be helpful. He asked why categories with zero budget amounts were included. He also observed where personnel costs were not associated with site positions. He suggested changes to make it a more friendly and useful budget.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Ray Broughton, Stevenson Fire Chief provided information on the work being done on the transition between the city and the rural fire districts. He commended the work of the EMS staff in helping with the accounting details for the budget.

Ann Leuders, Skamania County EMS Superintendent, also provided details on that budget. She noted the city and the fire district each sharing a portion of costs in the past made it difficult to use any budget history as a guide, but future budgets will be based on

current operations. She provided information on the cost splits within the interlocal agreement. Both **Leuders** and **Broughton** noted as the city moves away from overseeing fire department operations costs will change.

- a) **Initial Public Hearing 2026 Proposed Budget - Finance Director Jayne Borden** presented the 2026 proposed budget and associated documents.

[2026 Budget Draft 10.27.25.pdf](#) (0.15 MB)

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

- a) **Budget Discussion:** Council discussed the proposed 2026 budget. Questions were raised regarding how salaries and other expenses are determined and allocated. Contingency amounts, loan payment schedules, rate studies, and law enforcement costs were also considered.

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- b) **Long Term Water Supply Study** - Council was asked to approve the 1B portion of the long term water supply study by Grayling Engineering.

MOTION to approve Grayling Engineering to conduct portion 1B of the long-term water supply study was made by **Councilmember Lauser**, seconded by **Councilmember Oldfield**.

- [Stevenson LTWS Phase 1B - Exhibit A.pdf](#) (0.15 MB)
- [Stevenson LTWS Phase 1B - Exhibit B.pdf](#) (0.06 MB)

Voting aye: **Councilmembers Lauser, Johnson, Oldfield, Rice.**

Voting nay: **Councilmember Cox**

6. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

None received

7. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.