



*Town council meeting  
Nov. 4, 2024*

Present: Mayor Chris Lelle; Councilmen, Tommy Buchanan, Eric Dailey, Sally Brown, Doug Koestel and Sharon Johnson; Clerk, Kathy Bridges, Attorney, Jack Samuels

Visitors: Beth Buchanan, Jerry Johnson, Scott and Sue Morgan

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked if everyone had reviewed the Oct. 28 minutes. Sharon Johnson made a motion to approve, Sally Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing on the budget was opened. Scott Morgan of 904 Harrison Mill Rd. spoke about his grievances with the council. No one else spoke about the budget. The hearing was closed. Sharon Johnson made a motion to approve the 2025 budget, Sally Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing on increasing compensation for the Mayor and council opened. The increase would be \$250 per meeting for the Mayor and \$100 per meeting for the council. The increase would take effect in 2026. There were no questions. The hearing was closed. Doug Koestel made the motion to approve the salary increase, Sharon Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously approved.

First on the regular agenda was the road improvements pricing review. The Mayor said no updates were available.

Next the council considered a charter amendment to allow council or volunteers to work for the city. The attorney said a policy could be put in place instead of a charter amendment. He had drafted a waiver for volunteers and sent it to everyone by email.

The council discussed new computers for the library. Two were needed and Home Computers had quoted a price of \$650 each. Sally Brown made the motion to purchase the computers, Sharon Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous with Eric Dailey abstaining from voting.

The council reviewed the quote for tree work from ArborForce Tree Services. The company had scoped the trees along the right of way for the entire town making recommendations for pruning to raise the canopy for trucks as well as cutting down dead or damaged trees. Hauling away all wood and resulting debris was included in the quote which totaled \$30,660.

Doug Koestel asked for more bids. The Mayor wanted bids from arborists and Sharon Johnson volunteered to research other companies.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35