

Bancroft City Council
Monday, July 14, 2025
Pre-Budget Hearing Following Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and City Council for Bancroft, Idaho

Roll call showed the following council and staff members present:
Jessica M. Vawser, Eric Christensen, Walter (Nate) Eiman
Mayor Spencer, and Clerk Swensen

Call to Order: Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order following the pre-budget hearing

Item: 1 Agenda

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to accept the agenda as stated.
Cm, Nate Eiman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Review of all Funds and Accounts

Clerk Swensen gave each council member a complete copy of the budget as of: 7-14-25. Council reviewed the general fund looking at the revenues and expenses to current date. Cm, Eric Christensen and Cm, Vawser suggested asking if the Christmas Street lights can be paid for out of the current years budget and half of them in the upcoming fiscal year budget. The inventory is not available yet so it should not be a problem. Clerk Swensen will forward updates after the representative gets some information on the order.

Water Fund: Council reviewed the water fund and discussed the need to take a 4.99% to cover cost increases and overhead.

The bank account balances were reviewed.

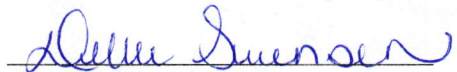
Sewer Fund: Council members reviewed the sewer fund and discussed the ongoing issues with the ponds not retaining water. These issues have been discussed for several years and the public hearing went well. The public did not abstain to the need for an increase. Amanda w/ SICOG has visited with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) they have been working with the city but will eventually have their hands tied and the city may have to start paying fines for compliance issues. Council discussed the options for increase, including taking incremental increases or taking a larger one or two time increase before obtaining a bond or receiving grants. It was determined that the sewer rates will need to be at approximately \$50.00 a month in order to build sufficient reserves that will show that the city has taken the advice and initiative to prepare financially and become code compliant with state regulations. Clerk Swensen will put the increase on the upcoming August agenda.

Garbage Fund: Council discussed the increased garbage fees and overhead from the new garbage company and agreed that it is necessary to take a 4.99% increase on fees.

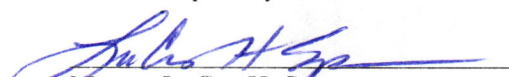
Item: 2 Bank Account Balances

Council agreed to allow clerk Swensen to round utility increase balances up or down to simplify payments for resident.

Adjournment: Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter executive session.
Cm, Nate Eiman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.


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City Clerk /Debbie Swensen

8-11-2025
Date Accepted by Council


Mayor, LuCus H. Spencer