



Work Study Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mike Callis called the meeting to order at 04:05 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: Alderman Cole(@4:53 pm)Alderman Jennings, Alderman Woodall, Alderman McDowell(@ 4:09 pm), Alderman Ellis(@ 4:11 pm) - Quorum @ 4:11pm.

Also, Present: Mayor Mike Callis, City Recorder Tracy Kizer, Finance Director Rachel Slusser,

Absent: Alderman Hall, Vice-Mayor Thompson

3. Approval of Agenda Mayor Callis called for approval of the agenda at 4:11 pm, once a quorum was present.

Motion to: Approve

By: Alderman Woodall

Second: Alderman Jennings

Yes: Alderman Ellis, Alderman Jennings, Alderman McDowell, Alderman Woodall

Absent: Alderman Cole, Alderman Hall, Vice-Mayor Thompson

Motion Passed (voice vote)

4. Public Hearing

- No one spoke

5. Discussion

A. 2025 - 2026 Budget

Mayor Callis turned over the meeting to Finance Director Rachel Slusser.

Director Slusser said she wanted direction from the Board and presented the personnel, capital outlays and requests. List of both was presented to the Board.

- Each Department Director presented their need for additional personnel.
- The requested capital outlay projects and projects were reviewed.
- Items that are continued from last year, part of impact fees, part of a grant, or part of a new loan were marked in the list of items.
- Department Directors presented and explained their capital projects and needs.

After discussion, Mayor Callis reported the status of the water grant. The City of Gallatin will be signing contracts soon and needs a guarantee of funding from Portland for the Competitive TDEC ARP Regionalization Grant. Director Slusser reviewed the loan options for funding the grant.

Mayor Callis requested that two Resolutions be added to the Council Meeting Agenda to cover the intent of funding and pursue financing options for the water system improvements.

Mayor Callis also brought to the Board the need to have the display strawberries in town need to be repainted. He requested to move forward with having them repainted and back on display before the Strawberry Festival.

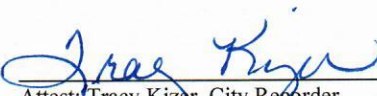
Mayor Callis reviewed the budget information and it was agreed that everything listed, except for three items, would be included in the budget draft. The second meeting in April will have a 4 pm work study that will determine the first reading of the budget in May.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Alderman Woodall; Second by Alderman Jennings;

Motion passed by voice vote to **adjourn at 5:50 PM.**


Mike Callis, Mayor


Attest: Tracy Kizer, City Recorder