CITY OF BENKELMAN

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

BUDGET WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23, 2023

The City Council met in the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. for a Budget Workshop. Present: Mayor Tammy Buffington; Council Members JoAnn Decker, Deb Stamm, Nicholas Baney, Barb Pinkerton; City Superintendent Tim Smith; City Clerk Diane Rosenfelt. Absent: Acting Police Chief/Sheriff Smith and City Attorney Tawna Holmstedt. Others Present: Trevor Horner and Michael Hoback; AMGL, P.C.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Mayor Tammy Buffington called the meeting to order and stated that we follow the open meetings law, which is posted on the south wall by the main entrance.

Mayor Buffington welcomed those in attendance at the meeting.

Michael Hoback from Almquist Maltzahn Galloway & Luth Certified Public Accountants was in attendance for the Budget Workshop. Mr. Hoback discussed the rest of the fiscal year concerning where we are along with discussing what plans the city and the CRA have for the next fiscal year.

The mayor and council along with Mr. Hoback discussed the importance of the Special Election planned for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, to renew the City’s 1.5% City Sales Tax. The city has made major Road, Water and Sewer Improvements with the monies collected from City Sales Tax. Another item of concern is the Electrical System Upgrade. Phase I and Phase II have been approved. Phase I is not completed which was $615,400 for Replacement of current electronic reclosers at the Substation and construction to reduce congested circuits. Phase II has not started which is for replacement of the existing generator at a price tag of $2,300,000.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

 Tammy Buffington, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Diane L. Rosenfelt, City Clerk