

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**Budget Committee Workshop**  
**Earlham City Council**  
**January 22, 2024**  
(Rescheduled from 1-18-24)

The Budget Committee of the Earlham City Council met on Monday, January 22, 2024, at Earlham City Hall. Chairperson Mudge called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and the following answered roll: Mudge, Miller, Nelsen. Also present: Mayor Lillie, Clerk Hibbs, and Councilmember Fredericksen.

1. Approval of Agenda  
**Motion by Miller, second by Nelsen to approve agenda.**  
**Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.**
  
2. Presentation by department heads on proposed FY25 budgets
  - a. Library. Library Director Meek stated her budget numbers are the same as last year. Since the Library Levy has been discontinued by Legislature, she took off the \$3000 office equipment for computers. She is asking Madison County for \$3000 more in their contribution. Hibbs stated the \$3000 needs to be in budget since they will spend that on new computers. Hibbs also explained the former Levy money is now being combined with the general levy, so that money can be used for her computers.
  - b. Police. Chief Stringham explained the COPS Grant for the SRO will pay for half of Gary’s wages, but we still have to budget for the expense. He explained the computer leases, as well as the amount for Madison County dispatch. Even though it is not scheduled, he is including a new car because of the expensive repairs that are needed.
  - c. Community Building. Chairperson Heather McLaughlin presented budget. Requesting \$30,000 for Great Room update. She stated their revenue is up due to new rate schedule. Mayor asked about some of the line items, as he thought some were a little high. Hibbs said she will double check FY24 actual numbers.
  - d. Public Works. Superintendent Gary Coffman said most of his expenses are staying the same. Pool needs new toilets so is adding \$3000. Requesting \$50,000 in RUT money, and \$50,000 from LOST for street resurfacing. Discussion on possible widening 6<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut intersection to accommodate truck turning radius. Coffman mentioned his building froze-up during the recent cold weather. Discussion on new building. Water and Sewer numbers are similar to last year. Water department added \$80000 to replace 1 block of water main, and \$14000 for annual water tower cleaning.
  - e. Fire & Rescue. Both have no changes to their budgets.
  
3. Discussion on revenue for FY24-25  
Tabled to next meeting.
  
4. Other
  
5. Adjourn  
Motion by Miller, Second by Nelson, to adjourn.  
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Being there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Deeanna Mudge, Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Sue Hibbs, Clerk