

**Budget Committee Workshop
Earlham City Council
January 30, 2025**

The Budget Committee of the Earlham City Council met on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at Earlham City Hall. Chairperson Mudge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the following answered roll: Mudge, Miller, Nelsen (via phone). Also present: Clerk Kaster, Councilmember Fredericksen, and Councilmember Visser

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Miller, Second by Nelsen, to approve agenda.

Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

2. Levy Rate Discussion

Kaster presented the levy rate based on requested expenses and projected revenues in comparison to FY2025. The approved levy rate for FY2025 was \$14.65608, the projected levy rate for FY2026 is \$14.60039.

Budget Changes Requested: The Splash Pad quote of \$143,215.00 was presented. The committee consensus was to pause on moving forward with this project until we can obtain grants and donations to help cover the cost. Kaster will remove from the budget. Fire Chief and Rescue Captain stipends will increase to \$3,500 from \$3,000.

The fund balance difference from FY2025 budget to FY2026 budget was questioned. Kaster stated she would research the change and follow up via email with the committee with updated sheets once everything is entered into the Department of Management.

Tentative Budget Hearing Dates (to be set officially by council):

Property Tax Hearing: March 27, 2024 at 7:00pm

Budget Hearing and Approval: April 21, 2024 at 7:00pm

3. Adjourn

Motion by Miller, Second by Nelsen, to adjourn.

Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Being there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Deeanna Mudge, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Shelley D. Kaster, City Clerk/Treasurer