



CITY OF SEQUIM News



November 2018

Meeting Dates & Locations

The meetings are held at the Civic Center located at 152 West Cedar Street.

City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session Council Chambers (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Council Chambers	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 5:30 p.m. as needed.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 14—10:00 p.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

- November 13**—1) 2019 Budget
2) 2019 Rates and Fees
3) 2019 Property Tax Levy
November 26—1) Final Hearing on the 2019 Budget
2) 2018 Comp Plan Amendments

City Council Reviews 2019 Budget

City Manager Charlie Bush presented the proposed 2019 budget to the City Council at the council meeting on September 10, 2018.

The budget, reflecting the City Council's priorities, is the proposed financial plan for the upcoming calendar year and is focused on the balancing act between meeting the increasing demands of a growing community while maintaining and improving current service levels within the constraints of City resources. The proposed budget includes balanced revenue and expenses in the General Fund and maintains acceptable reserve levels.

There is a proposed 6% increase in water rates, and a 2% reduction in sewer rates which translates to 50 cents per month for a household using 450 cubic feet of water per month. The increase will be reflected in the February 2019 statements. The water rate increase is based on the 2013/14 rate study that indicates an annual adjustment to maintain the financial health of the utility operation, as well as to meet the current and future debt levels, while maintaining target reserves. The proposed budget includes the continuation of the low-income discount policy which reduces utility bills for those who qualify.

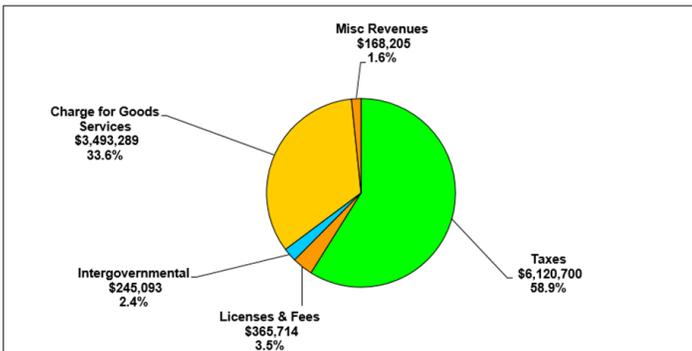
The budget also proposed the 1% property tax increase allowed by law. The 1% increase in revenue is based on the City's total assessed value, which is estimated to be higher this year because of the growth in new construction. This growth may cause the City portion of individual property taxes to decrease, depending on individual assessed values. The final property tax levy is certified by the County Assessor's office in January after all taxing districts have submitted their requests.

To the left are charts that display where the City's General Fund revenue comes from and how the monies are distributed through City Departments.

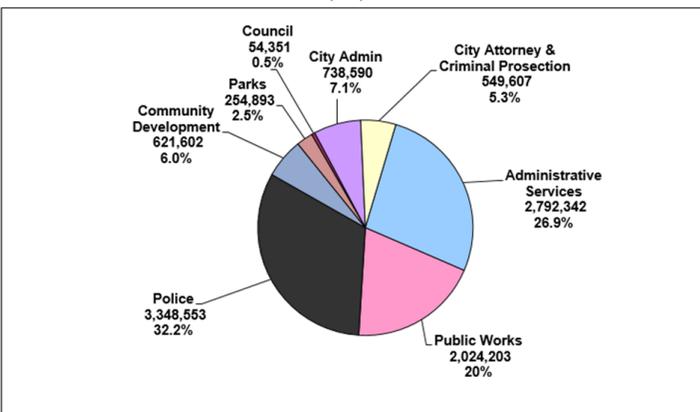
The City Council will continue to review the budget through November and citizens are encouraged to attend those sessions. To review the proposed budget on line, visit

www.sequimwa.gov.

General Fund Revenues
Total Revenues
\$ 10,393,001



General Fund Expenses
Total Expenses
\$ 10,384,141





City Offices will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran's Day and on Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

No More Paper Packets

The City of Sequim will no longer be producing paper agenda packets for City Council meetings. All City Council members will now receive their meeting packets on digital devices. The full City Council agenda packet, with support materials, is available to the public on the City website www.sequimwa.gov. The change is consistent with the City Council goal to reduce recyclables.

Please remember to turn off your automatic sprinkler system for the fall and winter.

The Water Reclamation Pond Has Been Restocked With Trout

The Puget Sound Angler—North Olympic Peninsula Chapter has restocked the pond at Carrie Blake Park with trout. Kids 14 years old and younger are welcome to fish in the pond and keep the first two fish they catch each day. No fishing license is required.

Turkey Fryer Safety Tips

Deep frying turkey is a popular and delicious way to prepare the Thanksgiving turkey. However, with more cooking fires on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year, safety is essential. Please follow these rules if you are deep frying your turkey:



- Wear protective gear in case oil splatters. When the oil is heated there's usually quite a bit of splattering and bubbling going on from the very high heat needed to cook the turkey. Wear oven mitts and an apron to prevent oil splashes on your skin, and safety glasses in the event oil does splash up into your eyes.
- Deep fry in an open, outdoor area. Deep frying a turkey should always happen outside, never inside. Garages, even with the doors open, and wooden decks are off limits. It might be a little frosty and cold on Thanksgiving, but once you're all decked out in your safety gear and safety glasses, you'll be warm and cozy. Plus, there won't be any exploding garages and decks to draw the fire department.
- Remember that oil and water, liquid or frozen, don't mix. Water causes oil to bubble and spill over, which can quickly result in a fire. Stick with turkey-approved marinades and rubs. And never attempt to cook a frozen turkey as the excess moisture will cause the oil to boil violently and possibly start a fire.
- Have a fire extinguisher on hand located a few feet away. A medium-sized, ABC dry chemical extinguisher is recommended. If the grease catches on fire, just stay calm and extinguish it. And remember, **never throw water on an oil fire** (see Tip #3).

City Departments to Close for Training

The following City departments will be closed for internal training:
Public Works and the Department of Community Development: Tuesday, November 6 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, November 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
City Manager and Administrative Group, Finance, Human Resources, and the Police Sergeants: Wednesday, November 7 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Mayor Dennis Smith

Coffee with the Mayor

Meet Mayor Dennis Smith at Coffee with the Mayor on Thursday, November 29 at 8:30 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1471 E. Washington Street. City Attorney Kristina Nelson-Gross will join the Mayor. Each month the Mayor will be available at a published location to meet with anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the community.



City Attorney Kristina Nelson-Gross

In the Gallery...



Rocks, Gems, And Jewels Exhibit

October 3—December 21, 2018

Please contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov with questions.

Hours: Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rally in the Alley Rally in the Alley Scheduled for November 3

The City of Sequim, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County and Olympic Disposal, will hold the next Rally in the Alley on Saturday, November 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or until the dumpsters are full. Dumpsters will be located in the southwest quadrant of the City at:

- Margaret Kirner Park, South 4th and Pine Street
- The City Shop, South 3rd and Hammond Street
- 191 West Bell Street, at 2nd & Bell

Volunteers will be on site to assist City residents with discarding unwanted items at no cost to the residents. No tires, appliances, liquid paint, gas, fuel, or oil will be accepted.

Volunteers please meet at 2nd & Bell at 9:00 a.m. for assignments.

Please contact Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Colleen Robinson at (360) 775-3742 or colleen@habitatclallam.org for more information.

Join us for an Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration on Friday, November 16 at 12:00 noon at Carrie Blake Park.



The City of Sequim is a designated Tree City USA and celebrates each fall with the planting of trees at the best time of year for the trees' healthy future.