



# CITY OF SEQUIM *News*



October 2019

## Meeting Dates & Locations

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

<b>City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers</b>	<b>2nd &amp; 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.</b>
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 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 13—10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

## Welcome New Employees!

Nichole Meyer—Finance Administrative Assistant—9/3  
Tellina Sandaine—Paralegal—9/16

## Budget Calendar

**October 28**—Comments, Questions & Concerns  
**November 12**—Public Hearings on 2020 Budget, Property Tax Levy, Fees and Utility Rates  
**November 25**—Final Public Hearing on the 2020 Budget

## City Council Reviews 2020 Budget

City Manager Charlie Bush presented the proposed 2020 budget to the City Council at the council meeting on September 23, 2019.

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.

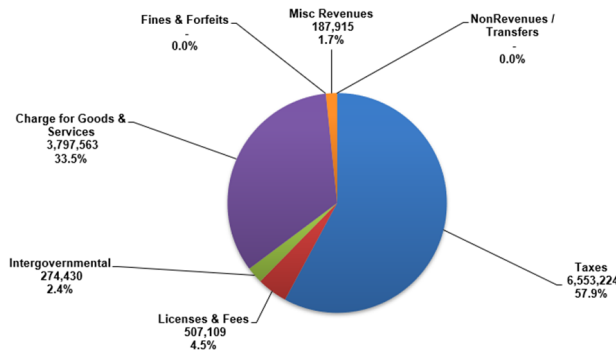
There is a proposed 4% increase in water rates, and no change in sewer rates, which translates to \$1.21 increase per month for a household using 450 cubic feet of water per month. The increase will be reflected in the February 2020 statements. The water rate increase is based on the need to maintain the financial health of the utility, as well as to meet the current 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 proposes the 1% property tax increase allowed by law. The 1% increase is based on the City's prior year property tax levy plus the addition of new construction. It is anticipated that the total assessed value will increase, which 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.

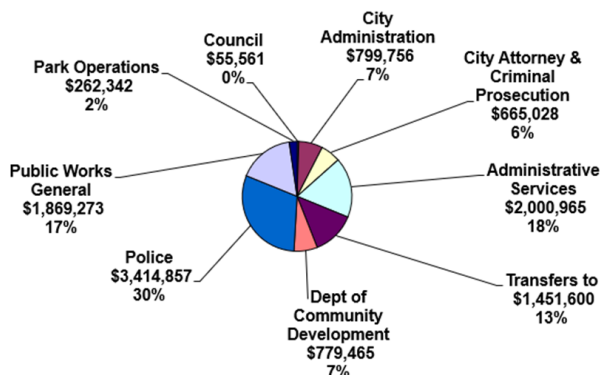
To the left are charts that display where the City's General Fund revenue comes from and how the monies are distributed through City Departments.

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](http://www.sequimwa.gov).

General Fund Revenues  
Total Revenues—\$11,320,241



General Fund Expenses  
By Function —\$11,298,847



### Coffee with the Mayor



Mayor Dennis  
Smith

Meet Mayor Dennis Smith at Coffee with the Mayor on Thursday, October 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1471 East Washington St. Administrative Services Director Sue Hagener 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.



Administrative  
Services Director  
Sue Hagener

**Join the City of Sequim and PUD No. 1 of Clallam County for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations on East Washington and North Govan on Friday, October 11 at 12:00 noon.**



### Sign Up for E-Notifications

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### Pavement Preservation Work to Begin

The Public Works Department is anticipating that pavement preservation work will begin in October and last two to three weeks. The work will repair depressions from utility trenches that are settling. Roads scheduled for the program are:

- Blue Glacier Loop
- East Hendrickson Road
- Lillian Ridge Drive/Court
- Oak Tree Ridge Street
- Oak View Place
- Oak Wood Drive

The work will be performed by Nordland Construction. For more information, please contact Public Works at 360-683-4908.

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### The 2020 United States Census is Coming

By April 1, 2020 every home in the United States will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you can respond in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.

To learn more about the Census visit <https://www.census.gov>.

### In the Gallery...

### “Tie One On” Exhibit October 4— December 18



### Opening Reception

The “Tie One On” Art Exhibit opens on Friday, October 4 with a reception from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. including an Art Talk on the Art Walk featuring Cherry Bibler with an overview of the Olympic Peninsula Wearable Art Show planned for August 2020.

Please contact Arts Coordinator Cyndi Hueth at [chueth@sequimwa.gov](mailto:chueth@sequimwa.gov) or 360-582-2477 with questions.

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

### Call for Artists—“Illuminations” Exhibit

Without illumination, there is no color and little form; therefore the artists’ first teacher is always light.

The City Arts Advisory Commission (CAAC) is seeking entries of art in any medium for the next exhibit “Illuminations” to be displayed in the lobby of the Civic Center.

Deadline for entries is December 9, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Only digital applications will be considered. Apply at <https://form.jotform.com/92465220039150>.

The exhibit will run January 3 through March 27, 2020 with an artist reception on January 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Arts Coordinator Cyndi Hueth at 360-582-2477 or [chueth@sequimwa.gov](mailto:chueth@sequimwa.gov).



### Sign Up for the Polco Survey System

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for Polco and for providing important feedback to the City.

Polco is an online polling service. You can sign up at <https://polco.us/sequim> and approximately every two weeks you will receive a notice that there are 4—7 new questions available for you to answer. Sign-up will ask for your name, email, zip code, and for you to set up a password.

The second Tuesday in October Polco will post questions for the Annual Community Survey.

We look forward to your participation and feedback. Please contact Communications and Marketing Director Barbara Hanna at 360-681-3422 or [bhanna@sequimwa.gov](mailto:bhanna@sequimwa.gov) with questions.

### Read the City Manager Weekly Updates at [www.sequimwa.gov](http://www.sequimwa.gov)