The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Toms at 7:15 p.m. and she led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken:

Budget Committee Members: Sandy Toms, Marc Rogelstad, David Jones, Neil Livingston,

Lavern Gertlar, Ed Glenn, Ted Lieurance, Julie Gisi, Brandon

Hammond, Del Turner, Art Kegler and Ray Michael

Absent: Brenda Profitt and Blaine Ganvoa

Staff: Karen Pettigrew-City Manager, Joanna Dahm-Recorder, Chief

Stokoe, and Tom Kligel-Finance Director

Audience: None

Committee Member Michael nominated Julie Gisi as Chairman of the Committee. Committee Member Rogelstad seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Gisi established the ground rules for the meeting. The Committee would not take any breaks and there would only be a 2 minute speaking time for each person. The meeting would not go past 9 p.m. Chairman Gisi turned the meeting over to the Budget Officer Mr. Tom Kligel.

Mr. Kligel informed the committee he gave them all a transfer list which details all the budgeted transfers, it shows the fund that records the transfer out and the fund recording the receipt of the funds transferred. Mr. Kligel also stated the total payroll increase was about 4% over last year's budget. He stated we are budgeting a Resource Officer in the Police Department. He stated we are anticipating receiving help paying for that. He also stated over the last year we have replaced 4 employees and in all cases we hired at a lesser salary.

Mr. Kligel told the committee the fiscal year is ending in a strong cash position. This is due to property tax revenue exceeding the forecasted amount for the year and utility funds having a better than normal operational year. Mr. Kligel stated this will provide a strong funding base for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Kligel stated we are able to carry contingency in almost every fund somewhere between 7-12% and the general fund has a strong contingency. The general fund is slowly building a reserve. He stated the reserve is somewhat planned for the future when we have management staff leave and need to replace them. He stated some of the funding can be used for the SRO if needed.

Committee Member Livingston asked Budget Officer Kligel who is paying for the SRO. Budget Officer Kligel explained we are working with the school district on approximately 30-40% and the other 70% from grants. We have the ability to fund it out of reserves or contingency however we feel we will get cooperation. We are hoping to get grants to fund it for the first 4-5 years. Committee Member asked if the SRO will be completely Boardman's SRO or if he will go to other towns. Budget Officer Kligel stated he will belong to Boardman.

Mr. Kligel stated the General fund resources beginning cash is \$1,450,000, taxes are \$1,783,000, state revenue is \$105,500, franchise fees and permits \$95,500, grants and loans are \$125,000, other revenue \$820,200, and transfers are \$69,310. The proposed budget for the General fund is \$4,448,510.

Mr. Kligel explained to the committee the budget for the Water fund will increase 19.6% due to increased cash carry over from larger service revenues generated in 2014-15 than anticipated.

He stated the Port of Morrow and the normal city accounts revenue exceeded the 2014-15 projected amounts. He stated equipment and utility costs are both expected to increase in 2015-16. The beginning cash carryover for the Water fund is \$324,000, fees and services are \$578,800, and other revenue is \$2300. The total budget for the Water fund is \$905,100.

Committee member Ed Glenn asked about possibly raising the rates for the water. The City Manager and Mr. Kligel both stated the Water fund at this point has plenty of money. City Manager Karen Pettigrew stated she feels we shouldn't raise taxes if we don't need to.

Mr. Kligel stated the Sewer fund is projecting a 9.8% increase for 2015-16 due to increased unit usage from the Port of Morrow and the continued increased volume by outside dumping services. Much higher expenditures will occur in the capital equipment purchases. Beginning cash carryover is \$303,000, fees and services are \$540,000, and other revenue is \$28,550. The total budget for the Sewer fund is \$871,500.

Mr. Kligel stated the Garbage fund is projecting a 14.6% decrease for 2015-16 due to lesser volume of container pickup usage in the Port, as projects have been completed. Beginning cash carryover is \$30,000, fees and services are \$350,000. The total budget for the Garbage fund is \$380,000.

Mr. Kligel stated beginning cash carryover is \$290,000, fees and services are \$190,000 and other revenue is \$2300. The total budget for the Street fund is \$482,300. Mr. Kligel stated there will be more street repairs this year than in previous years.

Mr. Kligel stated the Building fund is projecting a 29% decrease in revenue and thus a corresponding decrease in the reserve account. He also stated the Building fund is considering the possibility of hiring an assistant building inspector in the near future. The beginning cash carryover is \$2,725,000, inspection fees are \$11,000, building permits are \$786,000, permit surcharge fees are \$75,090, plan reviews are \$361,700, fire/life/safety reviews are \$81,225, and other revenue is \$16,000. The total budget for the Building fund is \$4,056,015.

Committee Member Glenn moved that the City of Boardman Budget Committee approve the proposed City of Boardman Budget for 2015-16 as presented. Committee Member Jones seconded the motion. Roll Call: Roll Call: Gertlar-yes, Gisi-yes, Glenn-yes, Hammond-yes, Jones-yes, Kegler-yes, Lieurance-yes, Michael-yes, Rogelstad-yes, Turner-yes, Livingston-yes and Toms-yes. Motion passed 12-0-2 absent.

Budget Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Sandy Toms-Mayor

Joanna Dahm, Recorder