

PHILOMATH FIRE & RESCUE

April 15, 2026

Budget Committee Meeting

Location: Consumer Power Inc. 6990 W Hills Road, Philomath, OR 97370

6:30 pm

I. ROLL CALL/ CALL TO ORDER- The Budget Committee Meeting was called to order at 18:30 by President Rick Brand. Board members present were Rick Brand, Ken Corbin, and Matt Kennedy. Board members not present was Daphne Phillips and Joe Brier. Budget Committee members present were Christopher McMorrان, Anton Grube, Van Hunsaker, Josh Stewart, and Greg Phelps. Staff members present included Fire Chief Chancy Ferguson, and Office Administrator Ashley Scott. Other guests included Billy Scott and Sutton Ferguson.

II. Nominate Chairperson

Nomination was made by Ken Corbin to have Rick Brand as our Board Committee Chairperson. Van Hunsaker seconded the nomination.

Voting results 8-0. Passes with a quorum present:

Brand: In Favor

Corbin: In Favor

Kennedy: In Favor

Phelps: In Favor

McMorrان: In Favor

Stewart: In Favor

Hunsaker: In Favor

Grube: In Favor

III. Discussion- Brand kicked off the meeting with the reading of the Mission, Vision and Value Statements.

Chief Ferguson welcomed the committee and discussed a change in the budget. and conveyed his appreciation for their willingness to serve the community in this capacity. The Budget Message was discussed with the committee including the theme of this year is looking towards the people of our department. Also, an increased call volume continues to break records- year after year. The City of Philomath's Urban Renewal District costs our District \$86,665 per year. There was a discussion about the lack of carryover and the events that transpired to bring us to this point.

Administrative Program- Scott discussed the items included in the Administrative Program. Transfers to the General Fund is included in this line item. Discussions included cost increases in every area, but reduced funding options.

EMS Program- Chief Ferguson noted that increased call volume and increased vendor pricing. Both the Save Lives Oregon Grant and Corvallis Fire Department to replenish utilized supplies will help to sustain the lower budget.

Suppression Program- Chief Ferguson discussed this program. Minimal cost increases.

Safety Program- Chief Ferguson discussed this program. Uniforms and PPE are supplied. Physicals continue to increase per person, minimal new volunteers will be added.

Training Program- Chief Ferguson discussed this program. This program included all the needs of training our crews. Resident Volunteer reimbursements are also included in this line item.

Community Risk Reduction- Chief Ferguson discussed this program. Continuing to market classes on our social media pages and building that program more.

Response Technology- Ops Chief Eddy discussed this program. Radios for vehicles and handhelds that need to be updated and transitioned to newer technology for the safety of our crew.

Buildings & Grounds- Chief Ferguson discussed this program. Object its to maintain our facilities. Clean, professional and safe are the standards that we strive to uphold. No major projects are happening this budget year.

Vehicle & Equipment- Chief Ferguson discussed this program. Conducting annual service on vehicles and equipment. A lot of our maintenance can be completed in house which helps tremendously with this line item.

Personnel- Chief Ferguson discussed that Personnel is our largest expenditure and our greatest asset. Having the two additional staff members has made us a better responding asset for our community. There are two paid staff members per shift (24 hours per day). Conflagration personnel were increased and will

cancel out with the incoming and outgoing expenditures. The experience that crews achieve while on conflagrations is valuable to our district and the crew members individually. The Resident Volunteer Program is an asset to our district and all the participants. The recently approved increase to wages within the union contract. There was discussion between budget committee members regarding the increase to the wages.

Bond Funds- Chief Ferguson discussed that we are nearing the end of our Bond obligation, year 10 of 10. The collected taxes are collected and utilized solely for repayment of that bond.

General Fund Resources and Expenditures- Chief Ferguson discussed the utilization of the same conservative method of budgeting that was utilized in the current fiscal year. This document outlines the financial documents in spreadsheet form with the information from the prior pages. Carryover was discussed by the Budget Committee and the variety of ways this can be utilized.

Reserves- Chief Ferguson discussed the Training Facility priorities for the upcoming budget. The Equipment Reserves will be dissolved and utilized for operations. With the anticipation to rebuild that fund.

Grube moved to recommend the budget as proposed by the budget officer and it will be moved to the Fire Board. Phelps seconded.

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

V. ADJOURNMENT- 20:42.