



City of Murchison

December 15, 2025, 6pm Minutes

9540 FM 773 Murchison, TX 75778



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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing will be held by The City of Murchison's Mayor and Council to review, discuss and approve the proposed Budgets for the year 2026

Date: December 15th, 2025, Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Murchison City Hall 9540 FM 773 Murchison, TX 75778

The City's 2026 proposed budgets are posted on the City's website www.murchisontx.com and is available for inspection at the City Hall.

Meeting called to order at 6pm. Connie Haynes is present and all members present. Danny Garza does the prayer and Bradley Gray leads with the pledge.

Texas Local Government Code for Finance was read to explain the budget being filed timely with Skylier and making sure we discuss with in the timeframe for the new budget to take effect. The Public Hearing notice was posted to newspaper November 29, 2025 and posted online and at City Hall. General Fund budget was reviewed and discussed for any changes, no concerns for it.

Started with General Fund for Budget 2026 and wasn't a lot of problems to come up with the income for the budget. Typo was made in expense for miscellaneous items for the fall clean up should be \$1100.00 and will be updated. Membership dues will be correct some dues are just paid so \$2110.00, Audit expenses went to \$19,000.00 because it was for extra issues the Auditor had to do but now his fees have gone up. For the TML insurance it was all broken up so Skylier reached out to TML and they told us we pay liability, risk pool, property insurance so its all together as they were split in different expenses before. Added the mowing since we have had situations where we have needed someone to mow so just in case we do we will be budgeted for it. Torance McClean asks about the trash clean up expense and verified the clean up was \$1100.00 for spring and fall and it won't be changing. Franchise fee for Oncor \$14,000.00 comes in at the end of the year we will receive it by the end of the year. For revenue item, permit fees, it will now be our ROW stuff for the new ordinance so we can adjust it if we need to but have nothing to go off of. Connie Haynes asks about the electric expense and is it for just the building or the ballfield too? Bradley Gray explains it includes all the city properties such as city hall,

lift stations, ball field and street lights. Supplies might not be that much but computer was purchased previously so the amount was left the same. Dana Joslin asks for property insurance and the TML increase, is it due to just increase in fees? Bradley Gray states yes the fees have gone up and then cyber security insurance was included. Connie Haynes asks how much City Security makes, half of the pay comes from General Funds and Water Works. She asks what the pay is for overtime? Bradley Gray states it went back from the supreme court and was unconstitutional so she doesn't get overtime, its salary based. No other questions for the General Fund.

Water Works budget for 2026 was different to put together, included are the Sales and Receivables report, don't have the Profit and Loss sheet but copies can be given, it has all line items listed for what was brought in or spent. For the last couple of years that was used to do budgets and sometimes little errors are found and get with Q to verify with hard copies. This time with verifying payroll tax expenses, none showing to have come out but last year \$3832.35 came out so Skylier was questioned and she didn't know, she reached out to David and states it was all combined and comes out of the General Funds, even though water works is used. Skylier also explains alerts in QB are for filing in the General Funds not Water Works. We shouldn't have a payroll tax expense coming out of Water Works but General Fund. Not sure where they amount ever came from in the past years for it to be in the budget. The refundable hook up deposit we are removing, we have no deposits made this year and we have a bank account for deposits, the portion that is refundable to give the customer back. Will keep it if it's decided to just keep it in case we do have customers to close accounts. There is no timeframe on the funds sitting there. Will budget for \$200.00 for 2026 and keep on budget. Pumping fee was higher than we thought it would but we pulled the profit and loss in QB and the amount was \$29,000.00 and that didn't seem right so all invoices were pulled from Joey Ridgles file for the year and total was \$11,947.50 which was closer to what we thought. These issues are for QB being allocated in places it should not have been. Fire hydrant inspection is after the first of the year, paint all looks good so should just be a maintenance for them to be looked at so around \$595.00 again as repairs were previously made. Bottle rental went down a little bit. City phone is thru the internet, last year it was listed separately but will take the city phone off and include with the internet service, cell phone is renamed as it was the answering service that is budgeted. Electric went up about \$5,000.00 and not sure the solar panels are helping much. Postage went up a little bit for stamps going up. Software is for updates on new meters also so it went up. Petty Cash is about \$250.00 all the time and is used for making change if someone pays cash. All cash payments made for the day are deposited to the bank though. Will just leave it as the \$300.00 we have listed for budget. Returned check fee is budgeted for \$100.00, we have only had 1 returned check, changed to \$20.00 for 2026. Automotive expenses are the same as last year, but Torance McClean states it might need to go up as the truck sounds like it might need transmission work done on it soon. Will leave it for now and amend if we need to later on truck work. Customer deposit for revenue will need to be kept or adjusted also, updated to \$200.00. Food panty and UT health are pretty simple, it's what is donated thru the water bill and then paid to them. Trash, water and sewer sales was also way off. We have always been above in income and working on it for this year it was showing we were at a loss and Skylier pulled reports in RVS for water, sewer, trash sales since QB is not pulling it correctly. Averaged the amount in RVS \$194,643.43 and \$77,450.77 which is \$272,094.20 which is more than what QB is stating was made for the year. Water sales average shows \$17,694.86 and we went with \$16,000.00 to not have issues on going over. Sewer sales average shows \$7,000.00, went with \$4,400.00 to not go over also. David the auditor is working on it to also correct and using the city's audit as a training to correct them and as a learning process. Trash collection was also discussed with David as we had trash collection and trash revenue listed but they are both listed for the same thing. The part the city keeps shows we made negative amount because of this. Trash report shows \$74,102.00, averaged for trash was done, Skylier had invoice for December and added that also and that's why

the amount is \$80,702.41 as far as what money came in for trash. Payments to trash for expense is the actual amount because of the invoice being added for the last month. Trash increase was made by Live Oak for December 1, 2025, does the expense need to be changed? \$2,449.20 added to the trash due to the increase. Total would be \$377,914.20 revenue, expenses \$373,773.20 , difference of \$4,141.00. Net income for 2025 was negative and expense was supposed to be \$362,915.46 but when doing it for 2022 and never came up with the number and not sure how it got off last year. Technically budgeted income for 2025 was supposed to read as \$373,015.00 but didn't get listed as such. Connie Haynes asks if we just leave the money to sit there? Bradley Gray states we do move money to a savings account if needed to draw interest. Dana Joslin asks if David looks at our city's stuff quarterly or yearly with the audit. Bradley Gray explains Skylier calls him for any questions and concerns she finds but he comes yearly to the office and we aren't finished with the audit at this time. Things weren't recorded correctly in QB and we are trying to get it all fixed. Connie Haynes asks if the employees are able to get a raise, Patrick did go to \$18.00 an hr raise after his 90 days of employment. For Skyliers we can look at for next year but not budgeted for this coming year, Skylier also states with what she is doing and learning she is fine with her pay.

Mayor Bradley Gray goes into individual voting for the Budgets for Water Works and General Fund for 2026 with amended budget . Danny Garza is asked if in favor of the Amended budget for Water works and General funds for 2026 and he votes yes, Boyd Sauter is asked if in favor of the Amended budget for Water works and General funds for 2026 and he votes yes, Dana Joslin is asked if in favor of the Amended budget for Water works and General funds for 2026 and she votes yes, Bobette Bandy is asked if in favor of the Amended budget for Water works and General funds for 2026 and she votes yes, Torance McClean is asked if in favor of the Amended budget for Water works and General funds for 2026 and he votes yes. All are in favor and Ordinance 2025-04 Adopting Budget for 2026 were signed and Amended budget for Water Works and General Fund 2026 signed also.

Torance McClean motions to adjourn meeting, Dana Joslin seconds and meeting over at 7:20pm

Skyler Murrell 1-13-26

Skyler Murrell City Secretary



Bradley Gray Mayor

