

Memories

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hose. We also remembered the drive-in in Condon where we shared a milk shake — perhaps the biggest financial splurge of the trip. And we laughed to recall our arrival in Fossil, where our friend Kim Humphreys said she had already received phone calls from the Condon ranch wife and from the drive-in, alerting her that her bicyclists were on the way. The people of Wheeler and Gilliam Counties are a tight-knit bunch, eager to share news.

If you drive to Madison Butte via that route you might stop to camp along the John Day River at Cottonwood Canyon, the huge new state park. Or you could stay instead in the luxury of the Hotel Condon, a century-old boutique inn in the heart of downtown Condon.

Then drive to a Y-junction at the southern end of Condon, but instead of forking to the right toward Fossil, veer left on Highway 206 toward Heppner. This is an extremely quiet and extremely beautiful paved road, passing ghost towns, wind farms and canyon ranches. After 31 miles, at a derelict settlement marked “Ruggs,” turn right on Highway 207 toward Spray. Follow this paved road 16 miles, climbing into ponderosa pine woods to Anson Wright Memorial Park, a county campground with showers. Continue another 0.3 mile past the park and turn left on gravel Sunflower Flat Road.

At this point you’re obviously in a forested mountain range, but which range is it? Maps don’t name it. Locals claim it’s part of the Blue Mountains, but those peaks are 100 miles to the east.

Anyway, follow gravel Sunflower Flat Road for 3.6 miles, fork left onto gravel Tupper Lane 673 for 3.4 miles to an X-shaped junction, and turn left, following a “Tupper Work Center” pointer for 1.3 miles to a dirt parking spur on the left marked “Madison Butte Tr 3054.” If you have a GPS app on your phone, the location here is 45.068 -119.4949.

The trail to the fire lookout tower on Madison Butte gains 1,500 feet in 4.3 miles, but you can turn back at earlier viewpoints if you like. The first 0.8 mile is a steep climb through sparse ponderosa woods to a rocky meadow slope with a brown post. Theoretically a spur trail to the left climbs to Tupper Butte, a lesser knoll, but that path is awfully faint.

Instead continue straight on the main trail, which soon levels out, crosses a wire gate that leaves all trace of cattle behind, and enters a magical wood-

land of Douglas fir and larch, with big white lady slipper orchids, orange paintbrush and red columbine.

The trail continues up and down and up again another 2.5 miles to a dirt road at Bottle Spring. Parts of this path are just faint enough that some route-finding skill comes in handy, especially because patches of snow really do linger until June. From Bottle Spring (a piped seep amid tall grass), follow the dirt road up to the right for a mile to its end at Madison Butte’s summit lookout, elevation 5,707 feet.

Although the lookout at the top of the 30-foot tower is usually locked, you can climb the metal staircase most of the way up. Mount Hood is a dim white ghost on the horizon to the west. To the east, forested hills extend all the way to the Elkhorn Range of the Blue Mountains. To the south, across the arid canyons of the John Day River, a faint pyramid on the horizon is Strawberry Mountain. Where else can you see so much of Eastern Oregon at once?

Now you have to decide how to drive back to civilization. When Janell and I returned from Fossil on bicycles in 1974, I’m afraid I did not lead her on an easy route. Instead, we left the paved road at Clarno and took a dirt track south onto the private Goon Ranch to explore the John Day River’s canyon. Part of that area was later bought by the Bowerman family, and part has become the Spring Basin Wilderness.

We forded the John Day River, carrying our bicycles to the Muddy Creek Ranch — the hardscrabble cattle spread that would later be bought by a guru from India and renamed Rajneeshpuram. When we finally limped back to paved roads at Mitchell, puncture weeds had riddled our tires so badly that we were riding on the rims.

Then, with freshly patched tires, we headed west through Prineville and across McKenzie Pass to university studies in Eugene.

Janell and I had scandalized our families because we were not married when we undertook that three-week bicycle trip. The fact that she still was interested in me after such an adventure speaks volumes about the success of our long marriage since then.

I’m not saying that every road trip to Fossil is going to be romantic. It just helps to find someone who is willing to explore with you all the way to the last unhooked trail in the state, at Madison Butte.

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FORM UR-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Silverton Urban Renewal Agency will be held on June 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm through a virtual meeting platform Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the Silverton Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee. Any person may attend the meeting. Written comments are encouraged to be submitted by mail, city drop box or email to finance@silverton.or.us. Written comments will need to be received by the City no later than 3:00 PM on June 21, 2021. Additional meeting information will be available on the City’s website at www.silverton.or.us. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained online at: www.silverton.or.us. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as used the preceding year.

Contact: Kathleen Zaragoza	Telephone: 503-873-5321	Email: kzaragoza@silverton.or.us	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2019-2020	Adopted Budget This Year 2020-2021	Approved Budget Next Year 2021-2022
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,542,783	1,602,637	2,273,348
All Other Resources Except Division of Tax & Special Levy	85,698	66,900	32,696
Revenue from Division of Tax	659,263	664,045	778,187
Total Resources	2,287,744	2,333,582	3,084,231
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Materials and Services	3,747	25,545	15,600
Capital Outlay	638,511	1,926,037	2,668,631
Debt Service	0	0	0
Contingencies		382,000	400,000
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	1,645,486		
Total Requirements	2,287,744	2,333,582	3,084,231
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding July 1, 2021	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
Other Borrowings	\$0	\$0	
Total	\$0	\$0	

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Silverton Fire District will be held on June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at 819 Rail Way NE, Silverton, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the Silverton Fire District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 819 Rail Way NE, Silverton, Oregon between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m., or online at www.silvertonfire.com. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is: the same as the preceding year.

Bill Miles, Fire Chief/Budget Officer (503) 873-5328 billmiles@silvertonfire.com

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amounts 2019-2020	Actual Amounts This Year: 2020-2021	Approved Budget Next Year: 2021-2022
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	2,037,059	1,681,813	1,957,064
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service	93,677	356,420	61,450
3. Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	2,140	151,000	152,500
4. Revenue from Bonds & Other Debt	0	0	0
5. Inter fund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements	194,000	182,000	170,000
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	171,085	144,853	170,990
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	1,810,528	1,865,420	1,902,979
8. Total Resources—add lines 1 through 7	4,308,489	4,381,506	4,414,983
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
9. Personnel Services	871,930	1,269,652	1,158,322
10. Materials and Services	407,155	739,056	728,750
11. Capital Outlay	567,000	254,798	153,437
12. Debt Service	380,088	384,353	393,333
13. Inter fund Transfers	194,000	182,000	170,000
14. Contingencies	0	135,000	125,000
15. Special Payments	0	0	0
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	1,888,317	1,416,647	1,686,141
17. Total Requirements—add lines 9 through 16	4,308,489	4,381,506	4,414,983
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for Unit or Program		
Fire and EMS Services	4,308,489	4,381,506	4,414,983
FTE	7.00	8.00	7.50
Total Requirements	4,308,489	4,381,506	4,414,983
Total FTE	7.00	8.00	7.50
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING*			
There are no major changes in activities or sources of financing for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed (2019-2020)	Rate or Amount Imposed (2020-2021)	Rate or Amount Approved (2021-2022)
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 1.0397 Per \$1000)	1.0397	1.0397	1.0397
Local Option Levy			
Levy for General Obligation Bonds	343,921.00	365,780.00	357,743.00
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
Long Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, but not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds	3,346,475		
Other Bonds	0		
Other Borrowings	53,698		
Total	3,400,173		

FORM ED-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Silver Falls School District 4J School Board will be held on June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm and will be held electronically due to social distancing guidelines per the governor’s executive order. Meeting dates/times will be posted on the districts website: https://silverfallschools.org. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the Silver Falls School District 4J Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget will be available at https://silverfallschools.org. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Steve Nielsen - Business Manager Telephone: (503) 873-5303 Email: nielsen_steve@silverfalls.k12.or.us

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Last Year 2019-20	Adopted Budget This Year 2010-21	Approved Budget Next Year 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	\$7,261,472	\$5,605,697	\$5,892,733
Current Year Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	12,332,307	12,888,500	13,438,800
Current Year Local Option Property Taxes	0	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	3,891,198	4,756,395	7,227,250
Revenue from Intermediate Sources	1,121,381	1,150,000	1,200,000
Revenue from State Sources	38,230,286	42,444,126	42,920,186
Revenue from Federal Sources	1,765,749	2,186,000	4,355,000
Interfund Transfers	630,000	335,000	480,000
All Other Budget Resources		0	0
Total Resources	\$65,232,393	\$69,365,718	\$75,513,969
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Salaries	\$23,501,640	\$26,058,221	\$27,755,377
Other Associated Payroll Costs	16,583,182	18,098,937	17,757,505
Purchased Services	8,610,766	9,583,161	11,500,047
Supplies & Materials	2,446,390	4,017,691	3,889,362
Capital Outlay	3,266,833	1,187,500	1,268,270
Other Objects (except debt service & interfund transfers)	595,016	739,706	738,200
Debt Service*	6,012,091	6,281,300	8,445,000
Interfund Transfers*	630,000	335,000	480,000
Operating Contingency	0	1,284,500	1,328,216
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance & Reserves	0	1,779,702	2,351,993
Total Requirements	\$61,645,918	\$69,365,718	\$75,513,969
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY FUNCTION			
1000 Instruction	\$31,793,555	\$35,597,545	\$37,236,397
FTE	295.99	315.11	319.62
2000 Support Services	18,807,810	21,444,671	22,871,893
FTE	128.29	127.24	130.41
3000 Enterprise & Community Service	1,144,288	1,528,000	1,608,200
FTE	11.50	11.50	11.50
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction	3,258,174	1,115,000	1,192,270
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
5000 Other Uses			
5100 Debt Service*	6,012,091	6,281,300	8,445,000
5200 Interfund Transfers*	630,000	335,000	480,000
6000 Contingency	0	1,284,500	1,328,216
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	0	1,779,702	2,351,993
Total Requirements	\$61,645,918	\$69,365,718	\$75,513,969
Total FTE	435.78	453.85	461.53

* not included in total 5000 Other Uses. To be appropriated separately from other 5000 expenditures.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$4.5458 per \$1,000)	\$4.5458	\$4.5458	\$4.5458
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$3,987,154	\$4,217,938	\$4,309,278

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$25,295,000	
Other Bonds	\$9,657,999	
Other Borrowings	\$2,932,437	
Total	\$37,885,436	

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FORM LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the City of Silverton will be held on June 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm at 421 S Water, Silverton, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the City of Silverton Budget Committee. Any person may appear at the meeting, however the number of individuals may be limited. Written comments are encouraged to be submitted by mail, City dropbox or email to finance@silverton.or.us. Written comments will need to be received by the City no later than 3:00 PM on June 21, 2021. Additional meeting information will be available on the City’s website at www.silverton.or.us. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 306 S Water, Silverton OR, between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm or online at: www.silverton.or.us. This budget is for an annual budget period and was prepared on a the same basis of accounting used the preceding year.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2019-2020	Adopted Budget This Year 2020-2021	Approved Budget Next Year 2021-2022
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	33,218,668	36,767,581	39,358,168
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	9,810,699	9,654,655	9,929,910
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	1,357,129	3,304,465	2,931,160
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt			
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	6,231,436	10,952,845	7,233,184
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	2,451,888	1,201,679	344,214
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	3,120,024	3,155,655	3,276,479
Total Resources	56,189,844	65,036,880	63,073,115
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	5,511,607	6,321,433	6,554,716
Materials and Services	3,199,018	6,047,586	5,072,935
Capital Outlay	1,800,446	32,111,263	32,926,886
Debt Service	1,231,727	1,270,773	1,277,434
Interfund Transfers	6,231,436	10,952,845	7,233,184
Contingencies		3,350,676	4,110,238
Special Payments			
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	38,415,610	4,982,304	5,897,822
Total Requirements	56,189,844	65,036,880	63,073,115
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
City Council	28,489	57,100	60,725
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
City Management	445,439	498,879	510,261
FTE	2.90	2.90	2.90
Finance	535,341	601,761	622,290
FTE	4.38	4.38	4.38
Police	2,694,749	3,020,556	2,962,949
FTE	19.00	19.00	19.00
Community Enforcement	47,821	76,345	85,160
FTE	0.74	0.76	0.76
Community Development	301,614	270,836	241,497
FTE	1.80	1.45	1.45
Facilities Maintenance	253,577	288,840	327,218
FTE	0.89	0.89	0.89
Parks and Recreation	470,080	880,250	643,316
FTE	2.44	2.44	2.94
Computer Services	58,107	66,700	74,200
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inspection Services	303,601	341,804	353,078
FTE	2.30	2.55	2.55
Trolley Operations	69,968	206,019	225,517
FTE	1.18	1.57	1.57
Administration	829,281	772,735	809,111
FTE	3.95	3.95	3.95
Maintenance	1,101,078	2,348,728	2,439,950
FTE	8.58	8.25	8.75
Operations	1,313,012	2,055,836	1,940,239
FTE	5.52	5.60	5.26
Street Improvements	92,830	2,887,558	5,550,301
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storm Water Improvements	11,780	1,342,342	1,875,907
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sewer Improvements	317,		