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## FY 2022-23 Budget Message

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It has been a year of reconvening, unveiling faces, coming together again to celebrate holidays, accomplishments, milestones, the lives of those the community has lost, and more. It's been a year of giving, made possible in part from the American Rescue Plan(ARP) funds, which allowed the City to make significant contributions to support citizens and businesses during the pandemic, as well as upsize and replace the Santiam St. waterline to improve water and fire flows in town. Other significant projects completed included 5<sup>th</sup> Street, radio read meters, and 1<sup>st</sup> floor Conser House renovations. In the coming year, a second round of ARP funds is expected. Initial plans include additional community support, Church St. bioswale for storm discharge, upgrading technology equipment to accommodate virtual meetings, and, with a grant from Marion County, the excess recirculation system (XR System) will be completed at the new water treatment plant. Other noteworthy projects or plans on the horizon include a Public Safety Fee to improve police services by adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> deputy, park development/improvements, 10 new public computers at the Library, made possible with a State Library grant, utilizing funds from a State Historic Preservation grant to repair 19 high risk cemetery headstones, and partnering with Jefferson Historical Society & Museum on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor renovations at the Conser House.

The proposed 2022-23 budget reflects the current financial position of the City, a history of the last four years, and the plans for the near future. No new funds have been created for fiscal year 2022-23. All operating fund contingencies are budgeted at the recommended 10%, exceeding the State's 5% requirement. The City of Jefferson operates on a cash basis of accounting, which is allowed under Oregon Budget Law. The permanent tax rate for Jefferson is 2.1583 on \$1,000 of assessed valuation. It is projected that the City will receive \$372,000 in current property tax revenue. The total proposed revenue for fiscal year 2022-23 is \$13,713,275. That number is derived from approximately \$5.7 million in estimated carryover, \$1,522,605 in transfers between funds, and about \$6.4 million in new revenue *expected* to be received through the year. The total proposed expenses for fiscal year 2022-23 are \$13,713,275, of which approximately \$575,000 are debt service payments. Staffing levels are consistent with the prior year. The 2022-23 proposed budget is presented balanced.

It is the City of Jefferson's mission to provide fiscally responsible governance that addresses the needs of its residents, businesses, and visitors, while embracing opportunities for the future. Even when we couldn't come together, we continued to work with this mission in our minds and hearts. I look forward to doing the same with you in the upcoming year, and for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Cook  
City Manager/Recorder

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