



City of Hill City Minutes
Budget Council Meeting
December 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Hill City Community Room

Note: Please silence your electronic devices during the meeting. Thank you.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lange called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

PRESENT

Mayor Dave Lange

Council Member Lin Benson

Council Member Tom Semler

Council Member Kenny Hilton

Council Member Amanda Goodrich

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

3. Business

a. Review of Budgets and Levy's

Mayor Lange talked with the County about why our property taxes went up and the County and School District didn't. this is because of the pipeline.

Mayor Lange talked about the past budgets and using savings to cover them instead of raising the levy. There were some big purchases in the past few years, new vehicles; squad, maintenance truck.

Raise the fire levy to help cover city activities.

No one wants the police dept shut down.

Can the council disband the police department with out a citizen vote? teh council could but that isn't what they want to do.

A citizen stated that he moved to hill city because the city has a police dept. it may take some creativity but we need to keep the dept. He feels that the County should be helping cities. The small town is what they like and why they moved here.

There was a lot of good discussion on budgets, police department, water, the cost of everything, and what we should/can afford.

We have good people that work for the city. Saxton doesn't want to keep the cops if we have to cut other departments. We all work well together, helping each other out.

b. Approve Resolution 2025 - 17 Setting Final Levy

Clerk Meyer suggested a 15% increase in the levy with a breakdown of General Fund \$150,000, Fire Fund \$20,000, Police fund \$135,363.38, Trail fund \$15,934.74, Streets \$25,000 for a total levy of \$346,298.12.

Motion made by Council Member Goodrich, Seconded by Council Member Benson.
Voting Yea: Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich
Voting Abstaining: Mayor Lange

4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20

Motion made by Council Member Goodrich, Seconded by Council Member Benson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich