

# **LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

**Special Study Session Agenda**

**City Hall - Council Chambers**

**October 25, 2011 9:00 a.m.**

## **9:00 – 10:30 Utility Rate Study Review**

This discussion is a continuation on the review of the Utility Rate Study and suggested utility rates. At the September Study Session Ms. Cil Pierce of HDR, Inc provided a PowerPoint presentation on the utility rate study. She reviewed the results of the water, sewer and garbage utility rate studies and provided several options to the Council on designing the new rate structure for utility charges. Council requested greater information and review in two areas;

- Review the impact on fees by reducing the outside City surcharge from 25% to 15%.
- Proposed Rate Designs – Water Conservation Structure

Today's discussion will review the implications of reducing the surcharge charged for outside the City users and a review of a Water Conservation Rate Structure.

The staff will also be reviewing the changes to the system development charges needed for providing new utilities for new development. The public hearing presentation for the findings of the Utility Rate Study is scheduled for November 8, 2011 City Council Meeting. Comments and directions provided by the City Council will be incorporated into that presentation.

## **10:30 – Tentative until 2:00 PM 2012 Budget Review**

As part of the 2012 Budget development process, City staff has developed a Proposed Budget Expenditures spreadsheet, which is a comprehensive list of capital projects, programs, and initiatives the City Council has identified over the past several months beginning with the April 2011 Budget Retreat. One step in the process was the review of the Proposed Budget Expenditures by the City Council's Finance Committee. The committee met on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, to review the list of expenditures and make their recommendations of changes and priorities. These committee's recommended changes were reviewed by the full Council at the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Study Session. The updated 2012 Proposed Budget Expenditures with the updates from the study session.

The attachments provided in the Study Session packet for today's discussion include the recommendations made by the City Council at the October 11, 2011 Study Session and the updated fund totals based on those recommendations.