Audit says Roosevelt financially stable

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Roosevelt City officials received some good news regarding the city’s annual budget review during the city council meeting on Nov. 1. The audit was done by the accounting firm Ayvock, Miles & Associates and was presented to the council by Mike Miles.

Despite the downturn in the economy, city officials stayed within their budgets and made conservative financial decisions. Even when sales tax is down nearly 25%, Miles said the city had a surplus of $631,300. After $650,000 was transferred to the capital projects fund, the city was left with $12,894, which is considerably better than the city ended in 2015 with a deficit of $331,300.

“In our prior years, it’s been in the million-dollar range and last year when the sales tax tanked, there is still a positive $62,894 which is a sign of good financial strength,” Miles told the council during the meeting. This year’s audit process started last month and was done earlier than usual.

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Howard Allen joined the Navy after the start of World War II, in 1943, when he was 17 years old. Allen served a total of 19 and a half years on Navy ships and said that if he had the opportunity to do it over, he would do it all again.

“My mother had to sign a paper because I was under 18,” Allen said. “It took a bus early in the morning, went to Salt Lake, must have been 100 of us, over to the Navy station.”

Allen said after he was sworn in Dec. 2, he was told he had to take care of his tonsils and was given 30 days leave. By the time March rolled around, Allen said he was able to go to a Naval base and by that time his two older brothers had been drafted into the Navy.

Allen’s granddaughter Diana Williams said there was a story in World War II about brothers serving on the same ship and they all died, because of that incident, Allen was not allowed to serve in the Navy with his brothers.

Allen said during his time in the Navy he spent five days a week for four months in a housing ring. He said that headed toward theapan area into war, the ship had 2,000 men on it and was “the slowest ship in the world.”

Allen said a lot of people were dying in the war and many men were served on the ship they knew were going to be part of the men that didn’t make it in that time.

“We got over there and we came right in where it was and, guess what, that was the third day they’d been out and the war was over and all these guys on that ship didn’t believe a lot of them knew they’d be dead,” Allen said. “We stayed there to take care of the country after the war. That whole bunch and none of them got killed.”

Man charged with rape and aggravated sexual assault

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A Uintah Basin man faces felony sex crime charges in Duchesne’s 8th District Court. Todd Mathew Baker, 38, has been charged with one count of rape and one count of aggravating sexual assault, both first degree felonies.

According to court records, the crimes allegedly took place on or around Sept. 28, 2016, within the boundaries of Duchesne County. Court records indicate that the victim in Baker’s case was over the age of 18.

The crime of rape was modeled on a law that makes it a first-degree felony for a person to commit sexual penetration “with or compulsion on the victim.” The crime of aggravated sexual assault is modeled on a law that makes it a first-degree felony for a person to commit sexual penetration “with or compulsion on the victim.”

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Although the state of Utah switched to mail-in ballots, some voters either didn’t receive a ballot or would rather vote in person. Uintah, Duchesne and Daggett counties all offer in-person voting for those who cannot, or choose not, to vote by mail.

All mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 7. Voters who didn’t receive a ballot by mail are either not registered to vote in their county or their current address doesn’t match that of their voter registration. In the latter case, their voter registration may be switched to “inactive.” Inactive voters can update their registration and vote on a provisional, provisional voter registration by going to their county clerk’s office before the end of the election day on Nov. 8.