

MAY 8, 1997

6:30 P.M.

BUDGET WORK SESSION  
CITY HALL  
226 SOUTH WALL STREET

(City was unable to meet at the Depot Community Room because of overbooking. A notice was posted at the Depot that meeting had been moved to City Hall, and a notice was posted at City Hall as to the relocation of the meeting in order to make the meeting accessible to any members of public or the press.)

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR  
JOHN D. SHELTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM  
PAUL MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN  
JIMMY PALMER, COUNCILMAN  
RONALD H. WOODS, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC  
WORKS  
EDDIE PETERSON, ASST. DIRECTOR UTILITIES/  
PUBLIC WORKS  
LINDA BROOKSHIRE, ASST. CITY ADMINSTRATOR  
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Mayor Meadows opened the meeting, stating the purpose was to review the prepared draft of the City's operating and capital expense budget for the Fiscal Year 1997-98. He asked Harrison and Cornwell to review their proposal which they did department by department income source by income source for a final review item by item in each department. It was the consensus of the group that the budget be revised to reduce the amount of additional taxes to \$151,200.00, and to delete additional cost of garbage fees which would leave the garbage fee at the current rate of \$3.00 per household. It was the consensus of the group to reduce the group insurance budget based on the current projected costs which have become available within the last two days; to reduce two of the requests, one for the training center to reduce from \$5,000.00 to \$2,000.00, and one to reduce the women's shelter to \$2,000.00. It was also the understanding that the Main Street Director would be moving to full time, which was incorporated into the budget. The City Administrator and Director stated the net addition to the budget included one full time employee and seven part time employees. The director and administrator stated the budget called for an additional two man backflow crew for the water department which will allow the City to replace some 8,000 water meters which do not meet the State's requirements for backflow prevention. The budget also contains the recommendation that an assistant be hired for the Water/Sewer Construction Department, and that a promotion of an additional technical person for the department with department head status. The budget also includes the movement of two brush and chipper operators from the Street Department to the Sanitation Department with the purchase of an additional truck and chipper, and the employment of two additional persons, a driver and a laborer for the operation. This would allow the City to have a method of handling its brush and limbs rather than paying landfill cost for those items. The Mayor and Council discussed other items which they wished to have deleted from or amended in the budget. They made a request that all these items be considered and be developed into a draft which will be reviewed at the public hearing on May 12, 1997.
2. The work session ended at 11:00 P.M.

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Adminsitrator