

City Council Budget Workshop Meeting
July 13, 2021
City Hall – 201 Paradise Path

Present

Mayor, William A Cathey
Councilman, Bobby Pollock
Councilman, Jerry Smith
Councilwoman, Sharon Call
Councilman, Darrell Key

Also Present

City Administrator, Mario Gisbert
City Clerk, Tammy Brunson
City Accountant, Debbie McLeod

Meeting was Called to order at 11:55 a.m.

FY 2022 Budget Presentation

Ms. McLeod went over the revenue and expenditures for each fund. She compared what was current and what is projected for 2022. Questions were raised through each line item and changes were suggested. With the general fund Mayor Cathey said he would like to see getting away from an 8-mil budget. Since the storm has taken care of a lot of city issues there are no capital improvements, which is rare. He would like to get back to the Fire Department being funded by assessment like it was pre-storm. It makes the rate more even for property owners. He asked for next meeting to have the line items broken out showing the difference between 8, 7.5, 7 and 6.5 mils and what it would look like for a single-family home and commercial properties if the fire assessment was in place.

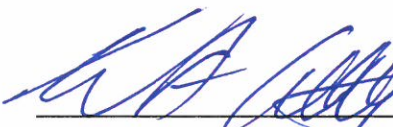
It was agreed that there must be a way to fund a new garbage truck. Several options were discussed, and Ms. McLeod was going to investigate some options.

The cost of living for employees was brought up. It was listed on Ms. McLeod's reports at 5%. Each Council person had an idea ranging from 2% to 5%. It was asked that in the same fashion as the millage rates that there are columns added to see what it would be with 3%, 4% or a 5% increase.

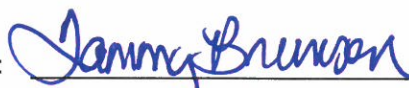
Mr. Gisbert asked if the next meeting could be moved from July 21st to July 27th. All agreed allowing time for Ms. McLeod to get the spreadsheets updated and out to Council members for review.

Mr. Pollock motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

By: 

Mayor William A Cathey

Attest: 

Tammy Brunson, City Clerk