

DeFuniak Springs City Council  
Budget Workshop  
July 18, 2016

The following members were present: Mayor Bob Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Henry D Ennis Sr., Councilwoman Janie Griffith, Councilman Ron Kelley, Councilman Mac Carpenter, Councilman Kermit Wright, Interim City Manager Tilman Mears, Finance Director Joe Brown and City Clerk Loretta Laird.

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with Interim City Manager Tilman Mears indicating the budget workshop session agenda included the preliminary discussion of revenue and expenditures, proposed mileage rate and the Police department presentation.

Set Tentative Millage

Interim City Manager Tilman Mears discussed the current millage rate being 4.5 mills, the rollback rate of 4.3902 mills, and a staff recommendation of 5 mills. Mears stated the rollback rate would provide \$951,156 in property tax revenue, the current millage rate of 4.5 mills would provide \$974,945, and the staff suggestion of five mills would provide \$1,083,272 in property tax revenue.

Discussion occurred relating to the Triumph and legislature budget committee funding workshop scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2016. Councilman Carpenter requested a current reserve balance sheet, including the reserves required by ordinance.

Councilman Carpenter exited from the dais at 6:25 p.m. and returned at 6:27 p.m.

Councilman Kelley discussed keeping the current millage rate of 4.5 mills for the 2017 fiscal year since the city just did an increase on utility service rates last fiscal year. Councilman Carpenter stated the increased millage rate would not assist the city at this time and further discussed using impact fees to assist with water and sewer infrastructure.

Councilman Carpenter requested all grant revenue and expenditures be separated from the department line items and be included on the next Capital Improvement Schedule.

Police department presentation

Police Chief Mark Weeks presented the 2017 police department budget, with a decrease of \$145,288 from the previous year's budget. Weeks stated additional repair and maintenance items were required during the 2016 fiscal year to include a roof replacement and air conditioning replacement. Weeks discussed the police department purchasing new vehicles over the past three years, with this year no request being made.

Discussion occurred relating to internet technical maintenance and service support departmental line items for city facilities and employees. Discussion occurred relating to hiring an internet technical person for the city.

There being no further business, Mayor Campbell adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day July, 2016.

  
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Mayor Robert "Bob" Campbell

ATTEST:

  
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Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk