

DeFuniak Springs City Council
Budget Workshop
September 6, 2016

The following members were present: Mayor Bob Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Henry D Ennis Sr., Councilwoman Janie Griffith, Councilman Ron Kelley, Councilman Kermit Wright, Councilman Mac Carpenter, 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 and Finance Director Joe Brown arriving at 6:01 p.m. Campbell stated the budget workshop session agenda included additional information relating to the organizational request, the discussion of the 2017 fiscal year budget summary, revenue and expenditures.

Organizational Request

Renea W Black, Early Learning Coalition Executive Director, presented information relating to her budget request of \$6,500. Black discussed the funding received from the city in the 2016 fiscal year budget serviced 4.47 children. The requested amount of \$6,500 would provide child care services for the 37 children on the current waiting list. Discussion occurred relating to the number of children located within the DeFuniak Springs city limits. City Clerk Loretta Laird stated she would provide the organization with a program to assist Black with the residency location of the 37 children on the current waiting list.

Black stated she would review the list and provide a revised budget request amount for the next regular budget workshop meeting.

Eddie Williamson, Tivoli Historical Society representative, discussed the facility located at 100 Thomas Avenue was previously funded through the Concerned Christian Fathers organization. Williamson discussed the structure currently in need of repair and the city currently paying for the following utility services: water, sewer, electric, and sanitation services. Williamson requested the council consider being added to the 2017 fiscal year non-profit organizational request.

Interim City Manager Tilman Mears discussed having two different interlocal agreements presented to the council at the September 12, 2016, regular meeting relating to the Tivoli Historical Society. Discussion occurred relating to having the city fund the organization for the estimated 2016 fiscal year utility services during the 2017 fiscal year budget and having the budget request expensed on a quarterly basis.

Discussion occurred relating to having a cap put on the non-profit organization request for future budget years.

Revenue & Expenditure


Finance Director Joe Brown stated he has adjusted the gas revenue line item since the council had approved a rate change at the August 8, 2016, regular council meeting.

Discussion occurred relating to the local road and bridge tax and a future meeting on September 28, 2016, with Interim City Manager Mears and Walton County Board of County Commissioners staff with Mears providing and update at a future regular council meeting.

Brown discussed additional items being added to the expenditure line items including an additional \$6,000 for the planning department repair and maintenance, the annual water tank cleaning contract of \$42,000, water and sewer capital improvement projects at an estimated cost of \$288,000. Further discussion occurred relating to the various outstanding bonds, loans and required minimum reserve amounts.


There being no further business, Mayor Campbell adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

ADOPTED this 10th day October, 2016.



Mayor Robert "Bob" Campbell

ATTEST:



Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk