

DeFuniak Springs City Council  
Budget Workshop  
August 8, 2017

The following members were present: Mayor Bob Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Henry D Ennis, Sr., Councilmembers: Janie Griffith, Ron Kelley, Kermit Wright and Wayne Graham, Interim City Manager Craig Drake, City Clerk Loretta Laird, Finance Supervisor Morgan Hulion.

Mayor Campbell called the budget workshop meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Employee Salaries

Interim City Manager Craig Drake discussed providing an additional 50¢ per hour per employee for the 2018 fiscal year. Drake discussed the salary spreadsheet included within the budget book for the council's consideration.

Councilman Wright requested the increase be stopped at a certain salary level. Councilwoman Griffith discussed her disagreement with Councilman Wright's request. Drake stated a 50¢ per hour is greater for the lower end employees than a three-percent increase.

Councilwoman Griffith inquired to the executive department, which did not include City Marshall Mark Weeks but was included within the police department budget. City Clerk Loretta Laird stated Weeks' pay comes from the police department budget line item.

Discussion occurred relating to Weeks' being an elected official with the city not paying for Weeks' health insurance. Laird stated she would make the adjustment for the next budget meeting.

Discussion occurred relating to having Mayor Campbell's salary be adjusted to the amount of the councilmembers' salary.

Revenue Discussion

Mayor Campbell inquired to the revenue lost from Wayne Farms but the possible revenue increase with Dunkin Donuts and Zaxby's. The current estimated revenues for the 2018 fiscal year budget is \$22,486,821.

Expenditure Discussion

Interim City Manager Drake discussed the departments providing budget cuts from the proposed budget. Drake stated the current estimated expenditure budget for the 2018 fiscal year is \$28,091,713. Drake discussed having a revised expenditure budget with the department reductions at the next meeting.

Councilman Wright requested Councilwoman Griffith verify the expenditures for the 2018 fiscal year budget.

General Discussion

Interim City Manager Drake provided an update relating to the status of Carr, Riggs, and Ingram and the 2016 fiscal year financial status. Drake stated the current invoice was approximately \$38,000, with all the bank reconciliations being completed at this stage. Finance Supervisor Morgan Hulion discussed the journal entry process at this time. John Whitehurst, Walton County Athletic League representative, requested consideration of having his organization being added to the 2018 fiscal year budget. Councilman Kelley stated he did not have a problem with the request.

City Clerk Loretta Laird discussed the non-profit organizational request that have been received as of today.

Councilwoman Griffith inquired to the utilities being paid for non-profit organizations. Laird stated the only organizations the city pays for is electrical and water service for the Walton County Heritage Association and Walton Area Chamber of Commerce. Griffith recommended having the organizations submit their budget request within the first month of each quarter.

Griffith inquired to Boys and Girls Club request and how many club members reside within the city.

Griffith inquired to how much Walton County provides to the Tri-County Community Center for the Senior Center organization.

Discussion occurred relating to having a five-percent decrease for all non-profit request from last year's requested amounts.

Laird stated the next budget workshop is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2017.


Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

ADOPTED on this 25th day of September, 2017.

  
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Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk