

DeFuniak Springs City Council
Organizational Request Workshop
October 4, 2012

The following members were present: Mayor C. Harold Carpenter, Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Graham, Councilman Mac Work, Councilman Ron Kelley, Councilman Kermit Wright, City Manager Sara Bowers, Finance Director John McCue and City Clerk Loretta Laird. Councilman Henry D Ennis Sr. was absent from the meeting.

Mayor C. Harold Carpenter called the meeting to order with the topic of discussion being DeFuniak Springs Organizational Funding Criteria for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Mayor Carpenter stated Councilman Kermit Wright requested the workshop to discuss the funding of local organizations for the next fiscal year, 2013-2014.

Councilman Wright discussed the 2012-2013 fiscal budget workshop schedule, which included organizational requests to be reviewed prior to employee salaries or other city needs. Wright further discussed the city's need to obtain funding through reserves in an amount over \$800,000 for the 2011-2012 fiscal budget year.

Councilman Ron Kelley arrived at the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Councilman Wright further discussed funding the organizations that serve the citizens within the city of DeFuniak Springs and scheduling the organizational requests later in the budget process. Councilman Mac Work questioned if the other council members had reviewed and studied the income statements from the 2012-2013 fiscal budget requests. Councilman Work discussed Okaloosa-Walton Child Care Services' and Walton County Chamber of Commerce's income statements.

Councilman Ron Kelley agreed with Councilman Wright and Councilman Work about not funding organizations that do not need the funding and having the organizational requests during the budget process later in the budget workshop timeline.

Further discussion occurred relating to the organizations dependency on county and out-of-town residents coming to the different organizational events. Various organizational contacts spoke on behalf of their organizations which included Brian McBroom with DeFuniak Springs Little League, Christopher Mitchell with Chautauqua Assembly, Marie Hinson with Grit and Grace, Cindy Roehm with Florida Chautauqua Inc., and Dalton Spears with Walton County Athletic League.

Councilman Wayne Graham discussed the organizations being made up of mostly volunteers, which provide family outings to the community. Mayor Carpenter discussed the different organizations' attendance that bring in a certain amount of funding to the city and community.

Councilman Mac Work suggested all the organizations make three suggestions on how the funding needed to be divided and email the suggestions to Loretta Laird, DeFuniak Springs city clerk with another workshop to discuss the proposed suggestions.

No action was taken at the meeting.


There being no further business, Mayor Carpenter adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

ADOPTED this 22nd day October, 2012



C. Harold Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk