

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gerald Waltrip at 3:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Council members Corcoran, Melonis, Paterson, and Schomer.

Also present – Mayor Waltrip, Temp Clerk Barbara Barrick, Deputy Clerk Lisa Ruehle and Attorney Mike O’Bradovich. Absent – Council member Cumberledge.

1. Budget Workshop. Barbara Barrick gave a snapshot view of where we stand now with the tax levy. Our taxable valuation has dropped some. There was a bigger increase in the employees benefits levy to compensate for past benefits. If you don’t levy for that then it must come from the general fund and sometimes it is hard due to turnover, etc. All other levies are close to what they have been. The General Fund summary on non-programs has a projected amount of \$275,000 to \$280,000 that will need to be cut. There was discussion of Police Vehicles and Parks Vehicles and they are working on getting repair & maintenance records for each vehicle as There was some discussion on Hotel/Motel tax and Mike will check on the amounts of 10% for the Library and 40% for Parks. There was discussion of the Building Inspector position and how many hours a week is needed for that position. It is important during bigger developments to have everything right. The Mayor indicated that the Maintenance Supervisor can do the inspections if the Building Inspector is not on duty. The Mayor thinks that it should be under the Maintenance Department anyway. It was decided that it does not need to be a full time job. There was discussion again of the soccer field at the school, as well as an irrigation system there and concessions and what that is used for. There was discussion of the Senior Center bus and even the viability of the Senior Center. It seems there are just a few that actually go there. In the Administration Department the Clerk’s salary was left the same until decided about a new Clerk. Discussion of new computers and IT changes. There was discussion of the Road Use Tax fund and explanation of the excise tax as well as vehicles for them. The sewer fund is operating at a deficit right now and we do not want to keep operating that way. The Mayor stated that we spent a lot on lift stations this year. Council member Paterson asked about raising the sewer fees. That is done by ordinance and can be done at any time. Some suggested that we took off the storm water fee we were charging so it wouldn’t be good if we end up putting it back on. Barbara gave a breakdown of what was put in for wages, and Union items that were put in. Council member Corcoran and Attorney O’Bradovich will work together on the Union wages and any negotiations.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Lisa Ruehle, Deputy City Clerk

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Gerald Waltrip, Mayor