

## Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present – Council members Cumberledge, Melonis, Corcoran, and Paterson. Also present – Temp Clerk Barb Barrick, Mayor Gerald Waltrip and Deputy Clerk Lisa Ruehle.  
Absent – Council member Schomer.

1. Approval of purchase of dump truck. There was some discussion about the dump truck purchase that is to come from the current budget. It was determined that more information was needed about the purchase. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Paterson to table the item until the next meeting. Ayes: Unanimous.

2. Budget Workshop. Barbara Barrick read a section from the Iowa Code on what hotel/motel tax can be used for. She also contacted Pottawattamie County to see what our ballot said when we had an election for it. We did not specify in our election on what we would use it for. She continued to research through minutes and resolutions from the time to see if something was adopted by the time. On August 9, 1994 the minutes from the City Council stated that a resolution was adopted to use a percentage for property tax relief and the remainder for streets, sewers, drainage projects and other capital projects. Council member Cumberledge stated that we should visit with the attorney to see what it would take to revert the approximate \$200,000 we have now. The Deputy Clerk stated that at the end of the fiscal year those funds that are left go into the water and sewer CIP funds to use for water & sewer projects. Barbara reviewed the changes that were made from the last meeting department by department. The Water Rescue portion of the budget was discussed and determined that it is not really something we need as we have other sources for that. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Corcoran to delete the Water Rescue funds. Ayes: Unanimous. There was discussion about their equipment. It was agreed that whatever is not needed in another department can be sold by the Fire Department. There was discussion about the Parks & Recreation Department and the things for the Seniors that come from that budget as well as things that will be added from the Resource Center. There is a volunteer group working on the Annual City parade and festival and the budget for that will be run through the Parks & Recreation Department although they don't necessarily have to spend their man hours on it. There was discussion of the paying of umpires. None of them get more than \$600 per year from us so would not need a 1099 form. The Deputy Clerk will provide a spreadsheet for the Park Director on what they have done in past years to account for the concession stand dollars. There is still a Park Board that provides input to the Parks Director and volunteers when we have tournaments here. There was more discussion of the soccer field at the school. The Mayor stated that the Maintenance Department is going to redo it and it should be ready this spring. Council member Cumberledge asked about funds to fix that. There was discussion of the Senior Center transportation and SWITA is interested in working with the City on the transportation needs. There was discussion of the decrease in the Building Inspector hours and the position of the Clerk's Assistant that is now vacant that had previously been part time. Maybe this job could become full time and they could also help out the Building Inspector. The Mayor does not think that is necessary. It was again reiterated that a full time Clerk's Assistant may be necessary to continue to deal with the backlog in the office. In wrapping up it was stated that in reallocating the Local Option Sales Tax we need to be sure it is for Capital Improvements and not to balance the budget. Barbara Barrick indicated that we

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probably want to ask for a two week extension on the budget in order to get it published in time and have the public hearing. She can draft a letter for the Mayor to sign.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Lisa Ruehle, Deputy Clerk

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Gerald Waltrip, Mayor