

COMMISSION WORKSHOP

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Mayor Woods called the budget workshop to order. Present were Commissioner Wilbur Waters, Commissioner Carolyn B. Spooner, Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Danny Nugent, City Clerk Ricky Thompson, City Manager Tom Ernharth, and Police Chief Jeff Johnson.

Mayor Woods stated the reason for this workshop was to discuss the performance bonus amount for the employees so it can be figured into the budget for the budget hearing next week.

Amounts have been figured at \$300, \$400, & \$500 if everyone has reviewed the figures he requested a motion to approve one of the amounts.

Commissioner Waters commented that all these years the employees went without nothing and the city is in fairly good financial shape he would agree to the \$500. Commissioner Nugent commented as long as the funds are there he has no issue with it.

Commissioner Spooner has no issue as long as the budget supports it and all performance appraisals are done.

Commissioner Chastain agrees on the \$500

Commissioner Spooner made the motion to permit the \$500 performance bonus, second by Commissioner Waters; passed 5-0.

It will be placed in the budget and officially approved with the budget adoption.

Mayor Woods asked if anyone has any additional questions relating to the budget?

Commissioner Chastain asked if there was a change in the fire budget?

Mr. Ernharth responded at the end of the workshop last week Chief Rowe had said funds could be saved if he created one full time firefighter in place of overtime.

What they did is move \$45,000 from the budget amount for part-time and put that into a full time position and retained \$15,000 in part time.

Mayor Woods stated he has a couple of questions relating to this. First when you go from a part time employee to a full time employee you are going to pay benefit on it as well and he would like to see the final budget amount.

Mr. Ernharth responded the \$5,000 to \$6,000 in benefits are included in the calculations for the full time.

Mayor Woods asked for these changes to be placed in the budget and provide copies to the commission in our mailboxes so we can review before the tentative budget hearing next week.

Commissioner Chastain asked if we heard anything relating to the grant for the police vehicles.

Clerk Thompson stated they called today and ask us for an updated balance sheet.

Chief Johnson added if they are still asking for updated paperwork we are still in the running for that grant.

Commissioner Chastain asked Chief Johnson what was ever decided as far as cars being taken outside the County.

Chief Johnson responded hopefully if the grant comes through and we get the eight cars we are not only impact the way we take our cars home we are going to impact gas, oil and repairs.

As of October 1 no one will take their vehicles home outside the County. The only exception is when the one investigator is on call for the two weeks he will drive his car home, but when he isn't on call he will not drive his car home.

Commissioner Chastain asked if something will be put in writing.

Chief Johnson responded he will draft a new take home policy to match what we are doing as well as satisfy the IRS.

Mayor Woods ask if anything additional needed to come before the board. Hearing none, he adjourn the workshop.

Travis V. Woods, Mayor
Commissioner Tommy Chastain
Commissioner Daniel Nugent
Commissioner Carolyn B. Spooner
Commissioner Wilbur L. Waters

Attest: _____
Ricky Thompson, City Clerk