

Final Budget Hearing
October 3, 2017
6:30 pm

Minutes of October 3, 2017 Starke City Final Budget Hearing

Members present: Mayor Mortimer, Commissioner Chastain, Commissioner Nugent, Commissioner Waters and Commissioner Woods. Also present were Interim City Attorney John Cooper, City Manager Bob Milner, City Clerk Ricky Thompson, Police Chief Jeff Johnson and Fire Chief Gary Wise.

Mayor Mortimer called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

The first item on the agenda was Resolution No. 2018-01 the final millage rate of 4.1125 MILS. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adopt. It was seconded by Commissioner Waters. The motion passed 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution No. 2018-02 the final budget. Commissioner Waters made a motion to adopt. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Commissioner Woods stated that he cannot vote for the budget the way it is being presented to the commission because it is not itemized. He does not know how the money is being spent. He does not know who is getting raises and who is not. Commissioner Woods stated that he asked for an itemized budget weeks ago and has yet to receive one. He stated that the commissioners have not been given the opportunity to go through the budget and ask questions. Commissioner Woods stated that he does not believe the budget was done right from the beginning. Commissioner Chastain agreed with Commissioner Woods. He held up his original budget with sticky notes on it with questions that have not been answered. Commissioner Chastain stated that he requested that he requested a line item budget and he believes that 2 other commissioners did as well. He stated that when the commissioners go to the clerk or the managers to ask about spending they are going to say it's your budget. You voted on it. Mayor Mortimer called for a vote. The motion passed 3-2. Commissioner Chastain and Commissioner Woods voted no.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.