

Minutes of Budget Workshop held August 15, 2011

Budget workshop with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Alderman Jerry Stone, Ward Sanders, Sam Cortez and Kevin Keith; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest, Public Works Director James McGrath; Alderman Farmer was absent.

Visitors: James La Combe and Matt Dear.

Mayor Bowen opened the budget workshop at 6:45 p.m.

The City Secretary told Council that the salary review committee had met with the department heads and discussed salaries of the city employees.

Alderman Sanders told Council that the committee had agreed to start employees at \$11.00 per hour and then \$12.00 an hour after probation. He said employees that are on staff now would go to \$11.00 an hour if they are still on probation come October 1st. All the others would go to \$12.00 an hour plus their certificate pay.

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that she had worked up a budget for the new fiscal year that would incorporate the new salaries. She also told Council that the committee had discussed all the other employees would receive an increase of \$1,800.00 a year more and that these salary increases were also put in the proposed budget for 2011-2012. The City Secretary told Council that the proposed budget for each of the utility funds did not call for rate increases.

The City Secretary then reviewed the proposed budgets for the water, gas, and sewer funds, and asked for Council's and the Public Works Director's input. After discussing these proposed budgets, Council agreed to meet the following Monday to discuss the general fund and library fund budget, as well as the proposed tax rate for 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.