

Minutes of Budget Workshop held August 23, 2010

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

Visitors: Betty and Ernest Kroeger, Bill Dixon, Ariel Barkhurst.

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

City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed the Library Fund budget with Council.

Council then reviewed the proposed General Fund budget and discussed the 2010 tax rate.

City Secretary Josie Campa explained the calculated effective tax rate and rollback rate with Council and what revenues these rates would generate.

Council then had a lengthy discussion on proposed new employees from the General Fund, and agreed to change the full-time Code Compliance Officer position to a part-time position for Code Compliance and a part-time employee for Animal Control, and asked the City Secretary to adjust the proposed budget accordingly.

Council then reviewed the General Fund department budgets.

Council then agreed to propose a tax rate of \$ .32 per each \$100.00 valuation for the 2010 tax year.

The City Secretary told Council she would get the proper notices of public hearing ready for publication.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.