

Minutes of Budget Workshop held on August 16, 2004

Budget workshop with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Mark Bowen, Gerry Elias, Erik Dahler, A.Jay Frausto; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest. Alderman Louis Trouart was absent.

Visitor: Shawna Lewis

Mayor Fincher opened the budget workshop at 6:35 p.m.

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the general fund budget has a tax rate of \$.042 per \$100.00 valuation incorporated into it. She said the effective tax rate is \$.4124 per \$100.00 valuation, the rollback rate is \$.43763, and the public hearing notice rate is \$.42450 per \$100.00 valuation. She recommended Council set the tax rate at \$.42 per each \$100.00 valuation.

The City Secretary then discussed the proposed general fund budget with Council. She told Council several items have been added to this budget and that \$35,000.00 would have to be brought forward from prior years to balance the proposed budget.


The City Secretary discussed the proposed revenues for the general fund, and then told Council that the Court Clerk's entire salary would be paid from the general fund rather than half of it like the prior year.

The City Secretary then discussed the proposed Public Safety budget with Council. Council agreed to lower the Fire Department contract to \$12,000.00, and to add \$36,000.00 for ambulance service into the budget. Council agreed to a 5% increase for the Judges' salaries.

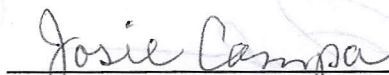
The City Secretary then discussed the Public Works budget with Council, and said that she had added an extra Public Works employee into the budget.

And lastly, she discussed the proposed Culture and Recreation budget with Council.

The workshop was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Mayor



City Secretary