

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum. COUNCILPERSONS: Budddy Sandifer, Janeth Walker, Buck Fralick, Teresa Hannibal, and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Jerry Durgan, Phyllis Overstreet, and Virgie Bamberg.

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to approve the agenda to include amendment item 1A. to receive a recommendation from the Insurance Commissioner. Councilperson Hannibal made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Walker informed Council that she had attended the SCLGAG meeting on May 22nd where she learned that medical insurance premiums would be increasing by 4% this year. Commissioner Walker told Council that she had compared Plan 500 from last year to what they were offering this year. She recommended to Council that they stay with Plan 500 with no changes being made at this time.

Councilman Sandifer, Chairman of the Budget Committee, informed Council that he, Councilperson Walker and Councilperson Foster had been preparing the 2008-2009 budget for some length of time. He explained that the proposed budget would reflect the least increase of any budget in the past five years. Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the proposed budget calls for a three mill increase which would be a 2.9 % millage increase over last year's millage rate. He said the budget would increase by \$69,841.00 which was a 3.6% increase over last year's budget.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that in order to operate and provide the required services an 8% increase in fuel costs was added to offset the rising fuel costs which was the main cause of the budget increase. He explained that the proposed budget included a \$1.00 increase in residential garbage fees which was needed due to the 8% fuel surcharge being placed by the garbage contractor. Councilman Sandifer said this was the first increase in garbage fees in over four years.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the committee was well pleased with the proposed budget and thanked Clerk Watson for all of his help. He told Council the proposed budget stood at \$1,970,805.00 with revenues balancing expenses.

With no questions coming from Council, Councilperson Walker made the motion to move forward with the proposed budget being set at \$1,970,805.00. Councilman Fralick made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Council voted themselves into executive session to discuss negotiations incident to the purchasing of property.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to come out of the executive session.
Councilperson Hannibal made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum announced that Council had been discussing the purchasing of property from Mr. Julius Moody behind Main Street for \$37,500.00.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to purchase the properties of Mr. Julius Moody behind Main Street for \$37,500.00. Councilman Sandifer made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

During the announcements, Mayor McCollum informed Council that the ribbon cutting for Witt's German Restaurant on Calhoun Street would be held at noon on June 7th. He said the restaurant would be offering free coffee to police officers at all times.

With no further business, Councilperson Hannibal made the motion to adjourn.
Councilperson Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor