

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2002 AT 5:15 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum.

COUNCILPERSONS: Buddy Sandifer, Frances Johnson, David Walker, Betty Wells, Betty Mack, and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson.

Mayor Alton McCollum called the meeting to order and Mr. Sandifer gave the invocation.

Clerk Watson took the roll with everyone being present.

Mayor McCollum opened the meeting into a public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed 2002-2003 budget.

With no visitors being present and no questions being asked, Mayor McCollum closed the public hearing.

Mrs. Johnson made the motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 02-13 to adopt the 2002-2003 budget of \$1,460,851.00 and to set the millage at 99.75 mills for the 2002 tax year. Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

During the discussion of the building inspection program, Mayor McCollum informed Council that the City has advertised the position and said that four or five applications have been requested. He explained that one applicant is a present building inspector in another county. Mayor McCollum told Council that Larry Clark, the County Administrator, has voiced interest in having Bamberg County and the City join together to hire a fulltime inspector.

Mr. Sandifer explained that they had discussed this with the county several years ago but that the idea had died in the water. He said it would be more enticing for the City to participate with the county. Mr. Sandifer said he could go along with the City paying a portion of the building inspector's salary if the county could act quickly on the matter.

Clerk Watson explained to Council that it would be in the best interest of the City to still issue their own building permits in order to be sure the zoning process for the City was being protected.

Mayor McCollum voiced that the City could still collect money for the building permits which could be transferred to the county in order for them to implement the building inspection program.

Mrs. Johnson said Council needed to talk to County Council to see what they would be willing to do.

Mrs. Foster voiced that she felt a fulltime position with benefits needed to be offered.

Council after some discussion, agreed to try and get a commitment from County Council as soon as possible. They asked that Mayor McCollum get on the next County Council meeting's agenda to discuss the issue.

Mayor McCollum agreed to go to the next meeting.

With no further business, Mrs. Johnson made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Foster made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor of Bamberg