

Council Workshop
March 10, 2004

Mayor Marse called to order the workshop of March 10, 2004.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Janice McLean, Earl King, Jean Arrant, and Scott Brannon were present. Council member Mike Helton was absent. Also present: City Clerk Diane Riley, and Paul Miller with WFRPC.

Councilman King did the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Paul Miller explained the need to have a plan for a 5 year and 10 year period. These plans are updated every year. During the review to the update of the Comprehensive Plan several elements were not in compliance. The elements of concern for tonight's discussion are capital improvements, infrastructure, and future land use. After Mr. Miller explained each element to the Council, they began discussing what they would like to see in the element.

Recreation is above the level of services at the current time and anticipates staying that way for at least the next 5 years.

Water Department is above the level of services at the current time and is looking at upgrading well #4 and installing a 500,000 gallon tank.

The wastewater treatment plant is upgrading at the present to a 600,000 gallon daily treatment. The LOS is going to become a problem if development increases rapidly. It can be upgraded to a 2 million gallon a daily operation if there is a way to get rid of the effluent water.

Currently the County aids the City with road paving. Almost all roads have been paved inside the City limits, so only repairs are necessary within the next few years.

Fire Department needs are allotted for during the course of the year through their budget. Walton County has assisted in funding capital improvement items and taxes shall remain as the main source of revenue.

City facilities are under the general fund and are funded by tax revenues and miscellaneous fees. Renovation of the City Hall is top priority due to the leaking roof. No other major expenditures are expected in the near future.

New ideas will be generated and updated in the annual review process.

With no other business, motioned to adjourn at 9 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Janice McLean, President of Council