

**Council Workshop**  
**August 12, 2013**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Barley called to order the council budget workshop of August 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Mayor Russ Barley, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Jennifer Laird, Janice McLean and Harold Taunton, Jr.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Council Budget Workshop**

City Clerk Robin Haynes began the workshop with a description of the accounting codes for the revenues and expenses of the City and with some preliminary amounts for the various funds based on current estimates for the coming year. She also provided copies of a list of outstanding Rural Development/USDA loans and current payment amounts on each, a copy of the bay area sewer inter-local agreement with Walton County, a copy of the DOT promissory note, a copy of the current DOC contract and a personnel listing with pay rate and city paid benefit totals. The council then discussed the following items:

- Councilmember McLean requested the fire department be skipped until further information could be gathered.
- Parks Director Shane Supple presented a preliminary proposed budget of \$144,800 and a wish list for some upgrades to include: some fencing around retention ponds, electrical upgrade for lights at the batting cages, another storage shed, materials for a small office at the press box and water/power extensions for the north soccer fields, totaling another \$34,000.
- Shane informed the council that he had been offered up to half of the expense of a splash pad (by Freeport 860). Approximate cost \$70,000.
- Short discussion regarding personnel benefit expenses – no comments regarding raises or cost of living adjustments
- Councilmember Jackson presented a proposed sewer department budget of \$655,000.
- Councilmember Jackson mentioned that he had a couple of proposals for the sewer loan with the County that he would like to discuss before the joint meeting. Clerk Haynes told him she would add it to the agenda for the regular meeting of 8/13/13.

**IV. Adjournment**

The workshop was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Russ Barley, Mayor

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Robin Haynes, City Clerk

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Janice McLean, Council President