

City of Freeport
BUDGET WORKSHOP
August 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes/
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AUGUST 25, 2014 BUDGET WORKSHOP

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Russ Barley.

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

City Staff /Dept. Heads present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, Parks & Recreation Director Shane Supple, Fire Chief Chad Harrell and Water Supervisor Larry Tuggle. Member of various departments and members of the public were also present.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. 2014-2015 Budget Discussion

The City Council worked on the following budgets: Library, Streets, Recreation, Fire and Administration. Water and Sewer budgets were not complete. Councilwomen Cuchens and McLean will work with their respective department heads to complete the draft budgets and have them to Hughes-Neel for inclusion with the package for the next budget meeting.

Mayor Barley set a continuation of the Budget Workshop for Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 6 pm to complete the budgets.

IV. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Barley at 8:39 pm.

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AUGUST 28, 2014 BUDGET WORKSHOP CONTINUATION

I. Budget Workshop Continuation Opened

The Budget Workshop Continued from August 25, 2014 was opened by Mayor Russ Barley.

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Staff present: City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, Fire Captain Tom Palmer and Water Supervisor Larry Tuggle.

II. Budget Discussion

Councilwoman McLean went over the budget with all departments drafts included and stated that the draft budget expenditures were \$300,000 +/- over expected revenues. The Council determined that in order to give all the city employees a 5% raise, they would need to add \$28,500 to the budget. By making cuts to most of the draft budgets, the Council was able to get the expenditure including the employee rises below the expected revenue. The final tentative budget will be presented at the September 4, 2014 Tentative Budget/Tentative Millage Rate/TRIM public hearing.

III. Meeting Adjourned

Mayor Barley called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Laird. The Budget Workshop adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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APPROVED:

Mayor

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED