

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORK SHOP**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2012**  
**1:30 PM**

Participants: Mayor and City Council Members, City Manager, City Attorney, City Treasurer, Public Works Director, Chief of Police.

The meeting was announced by the City Manager as a planning and creative session. It opened with an impressive power point presentation prepared by Eddie Robinson that emphasized budget issues and alternative financial decisions for consideration in the wake of possibly losing \$473,000 from LOST revenue next year. The City Manager explained that a creative session would follow which is designed to encourage "a bottoms up" free flow of unencumbered thoughts and ideas as a means to improve the delivery of services to the public.

The following items were agreed to in the fiscal portion of the meeting:

- An increase of 5 mills on property taxes with the caveat that should the decrease in LOST revenues be less than anticipated the proposed tax mills would be rolled back accordingly. Motion made by Councilman Ginn, seconded by Councilman Williams and the measure passed unanimously.
- Agreeing that the current Fire Contract with Morrow be explored as a means to reduce its present economic appropriation. Measure passed unanimously.
- Fix two PD vehicles and purchase two PD vehicles. Measure passed unanimously.
- Explore the sale of the Tower. Measure passed unanimously.
- Purchase three (3) license plate readers for the PD. Motion offered by Councilman Ginn, seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.
- Christmas Bonus Distribution. Motion made by Councilwoman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Sowell. Measure passed unanimously.
- Allocate \$20,000 for staff pay adjustments. Measure passed unanimously.
- Allocate \$43,000 for itemized capitol improvements. Measure passed unanimously.
- Allocate \$34,000 increase for Public Works Department which includes new street signs. Measure passed unanimously.
- Allocate \$25,000 increase in City Attorney's Budget. Measure passed unanimously.

### **Other Items discussed and agreed upon:**

All agreed that it would be helpful in enhancing the city's image if properties lent themselves to the highest and best use; the removal of the current trailer park; that handheld devices be outlawed in vehicles; and if money was not a consideration, to improve and upgrade Hwy 54 rights of way, add more employees to the city staff and digitize old files and records so as to produce more storage room.

The meeting ended at 5:30PM