

SPECIAL MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008

The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dees. Commissioners Luther, Gorman, Collins, Maynor were present. Commissioner Warner arrived at 7:22 p.m.

Others present were Town Manager Randy Beeman, Finance Director Jeff Saleeby, Human Resource Administrator Kimberly Lockamy, Police Chief John Hodges, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Chief Building Inspector Mike Bailey, and Building Inspector Jeff Wade.

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

Police Chief John Hodges addressed the Board and discussed in detail his department budget request for Board consideration.

Chief Hodges spoke in detail on the following budget requests:

1. Eight (8) new Police Officers.
2. Eight (8) new vehicles/Ford Crown Victoria's.
3. Two (2) Police Telecommunicators.
4. Audio/Video recording system with accessories.
5. Watch Guard System police in-car video system.
6. Digital camera and accessories.
7. Pantech 595/Ameriazon Wireless.
8. Total Track System for input of pawn shops receipts.
9. New position/change for Administrative Assistant Reclassification.

Commissioner Collins expressed concerns with overtime pay for officers and other Town employees as well.

Commissioner Gorman expressed concerns with the total amount of funds without raising taxes.

Commissioner Maynor said the Board needs to really look at rotating the cars out, two or three a year.

In response to a question from Commissioner Collins, Lt. Accordio said anytime you call an employee in and it is not their regular scheduled time you are placing a burden on that employee.

A lengthy discussion followed on using compensatory time and the cost and burden for overtime pay.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

Fire Chief Chuck Hodges addressed the Board and gave a power point presentation. He also discussed in detail his department budget and demonstrated equipment needed in the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Hodges spoke in detail on the following budget items:

1. Physio Control Lifepak - 1000 Defibrillators.
2. Rescue / Service Truck 2008 Ford F-350.

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3. Four (4) new Firefighter positions.
4. Scott AP-75 2007 NFPA Compliant Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
5. Globe Gxtreme Turnout Gear.
6. Motorola XTS 2500 800 MHz Portable Radios.
7. Amkus Extrication Equipment.
8. Dell lap top computer.

Commissioner Collins expressed concerns with the purchase of the squad replacement.

The Board discussed in detail all the Fire Department budget requests.

Mayor Dees said the Police Department requests alone was 1.1 million dollars, and the Fire Department was about \$507,000.00. He said the Board will need to hear all the department budgets before making a decision.

Mayor Dees reminded everyone that the Inspection Department and the Parks and Recreation Department will present their budgets on tomorrow, April 29th at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:16 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Natashia F. McCants, Deputy Town Clerk