

MINUTES
SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LIVE OAK WILL BE HELD IN
LIVE OAK JUSTICE CENTER ALFREDO ARAIZA TRAINING ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mary M. Dennis called the July 12, 2011 Special Budget Workshop of the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Mary M. Dennis
Councilwoman Loretta Kusek, Place 1
Councilman Bob Tullgren, Place 2
Councilman Ed Cimics, Place 4
Councilman, Aaron Dahl, Place 5

Absent

Councilman Michael J. Balderaz, Place 3 (Excused)

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

a. Presentation, discussion and direction of the 2011/2012 Draft Budget

Mayor Dennis welcomed everyone to the Workshop, and she relinquished the workshop to Matt Smith, City Manager. Mr. Smith indicated that the workshop would consist of discussions on the following accounts: Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Storm Water, Utility Development Renewals & Replacement, utility Operations, sewer rates and the new Emergency Radio System fund(s).

Mr. Kowalik, Finance Director addressed and discussed with City Council rate increases for sewer, Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) fees and other mechanism in these funds/accounts. There was a consensus of City Council that 10% increase would be necessary to support the increases by other entities. Other items discussed were the Storm Water fee, which would be decreased by .50, EDC budget and the upcoming EDC Meeting on July 25, 2011, acquisition of 93 acre-feet (cash payment), and Disc Golf re-design. In addition, Chief Echols provided a presentation, with handouts regarding the new Emergency Radio System Fund, which included a brief history, terms of the system/fund, partnering with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) current challenges of compliance issues, cost of the equipment, grant funding, finance structure, administration expenses and current staff discussions.

Mayor Dennis called for a break at 7:42 p.m. The workshop resumed at 7:51 p.m.

Councilman Cimics had questions regarding the purchasing of an ambulance for \$160,000. Assistant Chief Galindo answered a number of questions from City Council regarding this item, which included the City's policy with Schertz EMS, and service to the citizens. City Council discussed the pros and cons of purchasing an ambulance and then took a consensus of the purchase.

Consensus FOR: Councilman Tullgren and Mayor Dennis

Consensus AGAINST: Councilmembers Kusek, Dahl and Cimics

It was determined that the purchase of an ambulance would be placed on hold, but it would remain in the budget until further discussion.

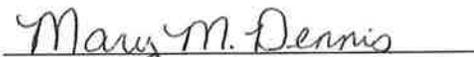
Mr. Kowalik provided an overview of what had been discussed during this meeting and the highlights: Research on commercial sewer rate (10% increase), Storm Water decrease of .50 (cents), Renewals and Replacement (no change) and he would report back to City Council regarding the EDC Budget after the July 25, 2011 meeting.

Councilman Cimics asked to see and place back into the budget a 3 year budget forecast, 5 year project development plan (permanent restroom in main park), 3 year projection of personnel and a list of retiring employees.

4. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further workshop business, Councilman Cimics made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Kusek. The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mary M. Dennis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah L. Goza, City Secretary