

Workshop was called to order by Mayor Montague. Workshop opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Paul Barr, Mike Yalow, Bruce Roundy and Mayor Vern Montague (arrived at 6:34 p.m.)

Councilmembers absent: Reggie Olney

Staff present: Jere Schmitke, Bob Pasero, Daryl Brock, Pam Otterson, Garrett White, Marilyn Cochran, Janet Wackerman, Nancy Sailsbery, Angie Crook and Joe Riker

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Business:

None

WORKSHOP

- Discuss and review Preliminary Budget 2008-2009
- Discuss proposal for cost recovery
- Discussion of potential cost savings

Finance Director Brock presented Council with a revised 2008-2009 Preliminary Budget Review. The Preliminary Budget had been updated to reflect the \$60,000 in budget cuts made by Department Heads. However, it was discovered that one of the library technician's wages and benefits had not been included, resulting in an overall reduction in expenditures of \$10,228.

Finance Director Brock advised there are many areas of unknowns regarding the budget crisis; dependent on State and County budgets. Finance Director Brock urged Council to not delay in making their budget decisions.

Council agreed it was important to spare the General Fund Reserves (\$200,000.) from being used to balance the budget.

Council and staff discussed the following budget recommendations:

- 36 hr. work week
- 10% cut in each department
- Golden Handshake – PERS Retirement
- Delay hiring of new City Manager
- Employee's give up 1% or 2% of COLA increase (effective Jan 09)
- Councilmembers cut 20% of their stipend
- No new inventory
- Reduce overtime -
Sergeants on patrol

- Cafeteria Plan (Insurance Benefits)
- Reduce or cancel contracts -
 - Animal Control
 - Matson & Isom
- Reduce or cancel services -
 - Shut off every other street light
 - Swimming pool
 - Greenwaste pickup

Community Services Director Sailsbery discussed cost recovery for certain city services. Council agreed it was necessary for the City to recover costs from applicant and/or developer that are applicable.

Council discussed accepting a 20% cut in their monthly stipend. Mayor Montague request the issue is agendized at the next regular scheduled Council meeting.

Council directed Interim City Manager Riker to send letters to employee union representatives requesting to meet and to confer.

ADJOURN

Workshop adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

_____Clerk

_____Mayor