

TOLAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 08, 2009 – BUDGET WORKSHOP

The City of Tolar Council met on September 08, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Terry Johnson, Mayor
Matt Hutsell
Sally Grimes
Barbara Gilliam
Kevin Fron
Lindsay Morgan

City Staff Present: Joyce Johnson, City Secretary
Rodney Cox, Chief of Police

Citizens Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established and the budget workshop was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Matt Hutsell, Sally Grimes, Lindsey Morgan, Barbara Gilliam, Kevin Fron were all present.

CITIZENS APPEARANCE

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss budget for 2009-2010 fiscal year

Public Safety Proposed Budget was presented by Chief Rodney Cox.

Items discussed were, accounting fees For the city's yearly audit added this year to each department. Charges for the Municipal Judge are \$125.00 per session. Chief Cox noted that the overall income was lowered this year at his request, last fiscal year income was unrealistic. Payroll taxes were miscalculated, correction was made and council was provided with corrected proposed budget at beginning of meeting. Employee's will receive a 3% COLA pay increase this year. Overtime of six hours per month was okayed for Renae Lovell. Funds resulting in payroll taxes correction in the amount of \$ 3371.00 will be put into contingency fund. Membership funds were increased this year to allow for more investigative tools to be accessed.

Funds will be transferred from the General Fund and Water/Wastewater Fund to help support the Public Safety Budget shortfall.

Water/Wastewater Proposed Budget:

Payroll taxes correction was noted. Funds created from the correction in the amount of \$ 7066.35 was rolled back into the proposed budget. Funds were used to increase technical support, office supplies, water and sewer supplies and software and computers. Overall payroll expenses were lowered to reflect payroll taxes correction. Payroll includes 3% COLA pay increase for employees.

Liabilities were briefly discussed, it was noted that the property on Tolar Cemetery Rd would be paid off in 2019.

General Fund Proposed Budget:

Payroll taxes correction was noted, which created a difference of \$ 3133.00 budget will need to be balanced. Property taxes income will increase this year, taxable value of the city this year was \$ 26,458,880.00. Property taxes still remain at .46 per hundred dollars of value. Sales taxes were decreased also due to decrease. Other income was briefly discussed.

Expenses noted was the addition of payment for new copier that had to be purchased. Other expenditures were briefly discussed. Also noted that no funds were budgeted for the Community Center at this time due to lack of funds and not being sure if the Community Center Committee was going to create their own 501C corporation. General fund currently pays for the liability insurance and electric. Council discussed waiting three to four months year before budgeting money for it and the possibility of creating contingency fund for it with left over funds of \$ 3133.00.

Also noted was payroll for city secretary included no overtime any overtime will be taken off by coming in late the next day. COLA increase of 3% was discussed. Councilmember Lindsay Morgan would like for it to be more since City Secretary has a lot of responsibility and employees seeks advice from her. Mrs. Morgan suggested that it be increased to \$ 1.00 and contingency fund be decreased to allow for raise. Council was in agreement.

Budgets to be balanced and placed on next agenda for approval.

ADJOURN

Motion by Barbara Gilliam, second by Sally Grimes to adjourn meeting at 6:56 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0

APPROVED: _____
Terry Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Joyce Johnson, City Secretary