

A Budget Workshop of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Val Webb, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes, City Attorney Pat Floyd, Public Works Foreman Wilbur Bellew

Visitors: Jerry Hall, Dixie Partington, Richard Dosik, Brenda Ash, Susan Clementson, Carrie Kienzle, Caty Greene, Beverly Hewitt, David Adlerstein, Beverly Connors

Budget workshop opened by Mayor Johnson.

Commissioner Cook presented proposed millage rate, and explained property value decreases.

Lee Mathes outlined proposed revenues and expenditures.

Susan Clementson outlined Library operating expenses, and requested the City increase the Library allocation from \$16,800/year to \$19,800/year.

Beverly Connors outlined Franklin Promise's increasing expenditures, stating that more families are now utilizing the food pantry. Ms. Connors stated Franklin Promise is asking the City to at least repeat the same \$3,500 donation as last year if amount could not be increased.

Dixie Partington presented a letter requesting a donation for the Dixie Theatre, but withdrew her request. Ms. Partington stated if the City has any excess funds, she should like for funds to be included in the Fire Department budget.

Attorney Floyd discussed Bill McCartney's proposal. Attorney Floyd stated he could not approve the agreement as it is currently written.

Mayor Johnson recommends increasing the Library Board yearly allocation to \$19,800, increase first responder's expense line item from \$2,000 to \$3,000, and removing Bill McCartney travel reimbursement line item. Mayor Johnson recommends that each Commissioner look over the budget in detail, and bring any suggestions back to the second budget workshop scheduled for August 25th.

There being no further discussion, workshop adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk