

A Workshop of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes, Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: Beverly Hewitt, David Adlerstein

Workshop opened by Mayor Johnson.

Ms. Webb presented to the Commission a worker's comp payout ledger for Andy Williams. Ms. Webb stated the City could set aside \$32,000 in reserve to pay for surgery. Ms. Webb stated that Mr. Williams has to meet certain criteria before the surgery can take place.

Mayor Johnson stated the Commission needs to figure out how the City is going to pay for it, and get this case settled as quickly as possible.

Attorney Floyd outlined GRIT bankruptcy and stated Andy Williams is the only claim the City is responsible for paying. Attorney Floyd reviewed workers comp case.

Discussion held.

Attorney Floyd stated the City is responsible for paying the medical portion only and has been trying to resolve this case for some time.

Commissioner Cook stated the City has some medical bills that require payment now, besides the surgery bills, and if the City is responsible for paying those bills, then they need to be paid as soon as possible.

Attorney Floyd stated all the medical bills have been reduced to workers comp rates.

Commissioner Cook stated we need to make sure he is not aggravating his injury while working his other jobs.

Discussion continued.

Commissioner Cook stated he recommends using money in reserve to pay for surgery when time comes, continue to work on a settlement, make sure injury is not aggravated by other jobs, and make sure bills are adjusted down to workers comp rate.

Attorney Floyd stated the City has to pay for invoices for services already rendered. Invoices total about \$5,000.

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Mayor Johnson stated he would like for a total breakdown of everything that has been paid out regarding Andy Williams' workers comp claim, including attorney's fees.

Ms. Webb stated she will get that information together, along with how much GRIT has reimbursed the City.

Discussion held concerning police officer physical standards.

Mayor Johnson stated checks will be cut for services already rendered, but surgery will not be paid for at this time.

Attorney Floyd stated the City is not happy having to pay all the medical expenses, but that is the law.

There being no further business, workshop adjourned.

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Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

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Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk