

A workshop and special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center.

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

Visitors: Aaron Boyette, Jim Waddell, Bobby Fickett, Bruce Ballaster, Andrea Duval, Anthony Croom, Wesley Creamer, Geoffrey Hewell, Mark Friedman, William Cox, robin Vroegrop, Susan Clementson, Tom Daly, Warren Emo, Caty Greene, George Mahr, Janelle Paul

WORKSHOP – FY 2012-2013 BUDGET

Budget outlined by Ms. Webb and Lee Mathes.

Commissioner Ash stated she is not content with the budget at this point stating she was expecting more decreases, not increases.

Mayor Johnson stated he asked that a 3% pay increase for employees also be included in the budget. Mayor Johnson stated the employees are an operation to the City and should be treated as such. Mayor Johnson stated the millage rate can be reduced by $\frac{1}{4}$ mill from the rolled back rate and still give employees a cost of living increase.

Commissioner Ash stated no one feels that the employees are not an operation of the City, but there is potential of lost revenue due to possible work camp closing and the additional DEP loan payment.

Mayor Johnson stated those expenses are Enterprise Fund and doesn't affect the millage rate.

Commissioner Cook stated the Commission owes an obligation to the citizens as well as the employees, and would like time to study the budget materials.

Susan Clementson outlined what the Library Trust monies are used for.

Budget workshop scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

REGULAR MEETING

RANKING FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR SCIPIO CREEK PROJECT

Ms. Webb reviewed the rankings. Ms. Webb stated that Culpepper, Peter Brown, and PSBI are the top three. Commission has the option to go into interview or go ahead and make a decision on a firm.

Commissioner Bartley stated he feels a decision should be made as soon as possible.

Ms. Webb stated that #1 is PSBI, #2 is Culpepper, and #3 is Peter Brown.

Motion to confirm rankings as submitted and waive interview process made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Bartley, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

RESTORE ACT RESOLUTION

Attorney Floyd outlined Restore Act and read Restore Act Resolution in its entirety.

Motion to adopt Restore Act Resolution as outlined by Attorney Floyd made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Waddell stated before a final recommendation can be made for the construction manager for Scipio Creek Project, he has to forward the recommendations to EDA and Department of Economic Opportunity. Mr. Waddell stated he has reviewed all the applicants and found all bids to be in order.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk

