

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 2, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Kelly
Councilwoman Riley
Councilman Salvatore
Councilman Thompson
Council Pres. Spence
Mayor Begley
Administrator Liston
Admin. Assist. Jackson
Mun. Solicitors Baker/Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Spence

INVOCATION: Mun. Clerk Richmond

TOPICS:

Invitation – Pres. Spence reminded Council members to contact Mr. Gauntt concerning Banquet on October 8, 2007.

Agenda – Clerk had no additions for the Agenda.

Solicitor Baker presented Resolution regarding sex offenders being housed at South Wood Prison which was requested along with the petition for this evening's meeting after discussion it was agreed to add the Resolution to the agenda.

Samuel J. Roberts Lodge – Clerk informed Council of the status of the license(Alcoholic Beverage License) not being renewed is considered abandoned and would be addressed as a new license a Resolution is required stating that the license has lapsed for failure to renew.

COUNCIL

Pres. Spence called upon Council for questions/concerns:

Councilman Salvatore posed question regarding a bill listed on the of schedule of bills regarding cable for police and fire which was answered by Administrator.

Councilman Kelly asked if Council has given thought to the request received regarding Low Income Credit Union and elaborated upon the concept and requesting the City's endorsement and support.

Councilwoman Riley stated that the Bond Ordinance should be explained openly in the public and pointing out that it is mandated by the State.

Councilwoman Riley also pointed out the property list needs to be corrected to strike off some properties the city still needs to retain.

Pres. Spence stated that the Ordinance regarding the Public Safety Director needs to be addressed, the Solicitor has declared the Ordinance inoperable at this state. It was agreed the matter should be further discussed under executive session, topic personnel.

BUDGET

Administrator distributed summary of the Budget and elaborated upon same. The budget reflected a eleven cent increase after discussion and questions Council instructed Administrator if possible to reduce the budget without lay offs to eight cents.

PUBLIC PORTION

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Thompson that the Work Session be opened to the public for anyone desiring to address Council which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence opened the Work Session to the public for anyone desiring to address Council.

Mr. Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, asked at the average home assessed value what would the increase be at eleven cent? Administrator stated it would result in an increase of around \$59 to \$60.

Mr. Zapolski stated at the Work Session of August 21, 2007 a water cost reduction was proposed and the Water Rate Ordinance was to be revised by the Solicitor. The Solicitor will prepare that Ordinance revision.

Also stated that at renewal of Taxi Cab Licenses a public hearing is to be held according to the Ordinance, and that Taxi Cab parking spaces are being abused due to no signs posted and there was a specific area designated at one time, Council will look into the matter.

Mr. Zapolski questioned item 11D on agenda regarding tax office changes, requiring an explanation of changes, Council removed it from the agenda to be revised with explanations.

Councilwoman Riley pointed out that Trash Rate reduction was also to be implemented.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Thompson to close the public portion of the Work Session which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence closed the public portion of the Work Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Salvatore RESOLUTION NO. 106-07, authorizing an executive close session to discuss contract, personnel, litigation was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Kelly to adjourn the Work Session which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Council Pres. William D. Spence

Date: _____