

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 27, 2012
4:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice, Mayor St. Ores called the City Council workshop meeting of August 27, 2012 to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor St. Ores, Councilmembers Connie Carlson, Dan Goldston, Mark Ostertag, and Michele Hanson (Councilmember Carlson and Ostertag left the workshop at 6:05 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Administrator Mitch Berg, Assistant City Administrator Sara Taylor, Finance Officer Wanda Madsen, Fire Chief Mark Swenson, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Galowitz, Public Works Supervisor Mel Horak, and Police Chief Laura Eastman

Administrator Berg stated the purpose of the workshop was to conduct an overview of the 2013 budget, projected year end figures for the 2012 budget, and general fund line items within the 2013 budget. Discussion followed and staff answered questions related to the city's budgeted funds and line-item expenditures proposed for 2013.

Following discussion, the City Council was in consensus to increase the Fire Department budget to allow additional funding for runs and motor fuel, due to increased call volumes and higher fuel costs. The City Council also noted that employee insurance figures appeared to be low and directed staff to revisit benefit calculations and increase this budget, if necessary, to ensure proper allocation of funding for 2013. Additional expenditures to consider were discussed, including monetary support for the community symposium through the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce, an additional year round satellite toilet for Lakeside Park, and an enhanced citywide cleanup event. However, these expenditures were not voted on by the City Council to be added to the preliminary budget for 2013.

Mayor St. Ores stated that she was not in favor of the proposed levy increase, but needed additional time to review the individual figures. She offered suggestions for several areas in which she felt the budget could be decreased. Councilmembers Hanson and Goldston noted that the proposed levy increase seemed reasonable, considering the infrastructure improvements and equipment purchases that are anticipated for 2013. They also noted that based on preliminary estimates, a majority of the city's property owners would actually see a decrease in their city taxes with the proposed levy, which was positive. Administrator Berg summarized the changes agreed upon by a consensus of the City Council and stated that a revised preliminary budget would be presented at the September 4, 2012 City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was than adjourned at 6:38 p.m.