

**CITY OF CALLAWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2023 – 1:00 P.M.**

The Callaway Commission met in workshop session with Pam Henderson, Mayor, David Griggs, Mayor Pro tem, and Commissioners Scott Davis, Bob Pelletier and Kenneth Ayers in attendance. Also present was Eddie Cook, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; David Schultz, Finance Director; Bill Frye, Planning/Public Works Director; Bonnie Poole, Director of Code Enforcement; Tim Legare, Leisure Services Director; and David Joyner, Fire Chief.

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Henderson, followed by an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR AGENDA

Draft Budget Review - FY 23/24

City Manager Cook & Finance Director Schultz reviewed the budget with discussion points as follows:

- Ad Valorem: Rate is at 2.75 for this budget. Finance Director Schultz did not recommend reducing.
- Fire Dept: If the Safer Grant isn't received for the Fire Dept. an Ad Valorem of 2.99 will be needed for the additional 3 firefighters and equipment estimated at \$250,000.
- Staffing: Current versus 2022 & Salaries
- Funds: Funds are restricted for specific uses.
- Group Health Ins.: Rates offered by United Health Care are lower than our current rates.

Capital Expenditures:

In an effort to fund the three Firefighters needed, discussion ensued of the following changes made to the proposed budget.

- Addition of 3 Firefighter Positions
- Removal of Patterson Park Paving
- Removal of City Manager Raise
- Removal of picnic tables for Leisure Services
- Pole Barn Removal
- Asphalt Hotbox Removal
- Balance of money for Firefighters from Unrestricted Reserves IF the Safer Grant is not received.
- Pay raises for non-charter officers will stay at \$1.00 per hour.

Public Participation

Don Hennings, 431 Tanya Pass, commented on the Safer Grant and Firefighter staffing.

Jeff Carnahan, 7752 Shadow Bay, spoke of the amount of the proposed pay raises.

Further points of discussion were as follows:

Pg. 3 Fencing

Pg. 6 Emergency Debris Removal

Property Abatement Costs

Pg. 7 Commercial Rehab Costs

Pg. 8 Fire Protection Services -County Reimbursement

Pg. 11 Travel Commitments for City Manager

Pg. 12 Special Pay – Holiday Bonuses

Education Costs for Finance Director

Pg. 14 General Liability Insurance Costs – Staff to solicit RFQ's.

Pg. 16 Animal Control

Pg. 19 UB Vacant Position

Pg. 20 Sidewalk Repairs

Road Materials & Supplies

Pg. 21 GPS Systems

Pg. 22 Labor

Veteran's Parade

Pg. 30 Water Tower Payments from County

Pg. 37 Street Sweeper

Pg. 44 Sale of Fixed Assets

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Henderson called for Public Participation.

Jeff Carnahan, 7752 Shadow Bay, asked about mailing expenses.

Don Hennings, 431 Tanya Pass, asked about unspent funds from last year's budget.

It was confirmed that there does not need to be another Budget Workshop before the 1st Budget Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the workshop adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Janice L. Peters, MMC
City Clerk

Attest: _____
Pamn Henderson, Mayor

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