

NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL
Budget Workshop
November 17, 2009 ~ 6:30 p.m.
City Hall 407 Birch Ave SW, Napavine

Budget workshop began at 6:32 p.m. In attendance were Councilors John Sayers, Larry Stafford and Paula Sandirk, Clerk-Treasurer Mary Todd and Public Works/Community Development Director Steve Ashley attended after the completion of the Planning Commission meeting.

Councilor Paula Sandirk presented her ideas in writing on budget cuts to enable the city to hire a Police Chief and made a part of these minutes. Councilors John Sayers and Larry Stafford stated the city should maintain as we are now and have been for the past two years without a police chief. With an appointment of a lead officer the city could have reserve officers for additional coverage to survive the budget crisis. The city could enter into an Inter-local agreement with other agencies for police coverage and bring on Reserve Officers.

Other suggestions from Councilor Paula Sandirk is for Public Works not to do any transfers to Capital Improvement and Internal Service, reduce public works to 32 hours and rent a vacuum truck or hire a contractor to clean the catch basins rather than purchase a vacuum truck for \$75,000.00. Councilor John Sayers advised Councilor Paula Sandirk that he will study her handout and comment back on it.

Councilor Larry Stafford suggested to cut the privacy slats from the fence at the Community Park around the baseball fields; this would save the city about \$6,000.00.

Public Works/Community Development Director Steve Ashley asked if council was looking at cutting all employees in the collective bargaining unit to 32 hours. Councilor Paula Sandirk stated not the police. Steve Ashley stated it would be pretty hard to cut employees with more seniority to 32 hours a week over other employees with less seniority. Also suggested was to cut Public Works budgets in water and sewer by reducing public works employees to 32 hours per week to keep rates lower.

Discussion and suggested to allocate the interest in the Capital Improvement fund by the fund balances in Current – Parks, Street, Water and Sewer.

Discussion and suggest to reduce the Community Development salaries by 20%.

Discussion and suggest to put off replacing the light banners for a year.

Discussion on the base rate for sewer to be \$50.00 per month with a 300 cubic feet consumption included in the base rate with each additional 100 cubic feet at the per 100 cubic feet rate. Public Works Director Steve Ashley explained that reducing hours or even eliminating personnel will not save that much in the budget. Advised the Councilors present that the treatment cost of the sewage treatment for next year will be \$125,500, which currently we only budgeted \$100,000.

Budget workshop adjourned at 7:32 p.m. No decisions were made during the workshop meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Todd
Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor

Councilor