

**NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL**  
**November 15, 2010 ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall 407 Birch Ave SW, Napavine**

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Wheeler presided over the meeting. Council members present: Richard Rouse, John Sayers and Lionel Pinn.

Councilor John Sayers indicated there were two budgets and asked staff, which of the two budgets do staff like? Clerk-Treasurer stated the Preliminary Budget was started back in August and with the information that we had at that time, we started looking at making cuts at the direction of the Mayor. Public Works Director Steve Ashley stated one is very conservative and the other is status quo, and looking at the numbers of the previous years, and trying to figure out where we are today with the economy.

Public Works Director Steve Ashley stated that good things are coming and things are progressing down at Exit 72, Loves wants to start breaking ground, and we have their design, not that we want to do our 2011 budget on that, it's going to take a year to catch up.

Councilor Wheeler analyzed the budget based on October's Revenues and his year end summary and fine tuning Revenues, and based on his experience and his system, he stated sales tax was projected too low. Councilor Wheeler prefers the first budget and avoids cutting staffing levels which is hard to get things done as it is. Councilor Wheeler recommends cutting the Internal Service transfers from General Fund \$2,500, Street \$500, Water \$500 and Sewer \$500. Internal Service should be for large trucks, equipment and police vehicles and budget for computers, etc. in the budget. Discussion on the use of Internal Service Fund.

Councilor Rouse stated the city needs to protect its infrastructure, streets, water, and sewer. Councilors Rouse and Councilor Sayers both stated that we should not count on development until it happens, there's a difference between getting and having. To many times development has gone away after design has been submitted, therefore best not to count on it until it is completed.

Workshop adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Todd  
Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor

Councilor