

A budget workshop of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes, Street Supervisor Marvin Croom, Water & Sewer Foreman William Cox

Visitors: Gary Barber, Caty Greene, Gail Johnson, Clarice Powell, Joe Taylor

Workshop opened by Mayor Johnson.

Gary Barber reviewed insurance options.

Discussion held concerning health insurance and options.

Board agreed to insurance plan Blue Cross Blue Shield 5020.

Discussion held concerning insurance benefits and part time employees.

Cemetery sexton and harbor master duties discussed.

Mayor Johnson stated Commission needs to look into the possibility of rolling over the duties of cemetery sexton and harbor master into the current staff.

Commissioner Elliott suggested to either offering part time employees a paycheck or benefits.

Commissioner Ash stated that from a financial standpoint, the City can't afford the part time employees. Maybe the costs savings can be put towards better insurance for the full time employees.

Mayor Johnson stated the insurance decision has been made.

Commissioner Cook asked if the City has any full time employees that could pick up the cemetery sexton and harbor master duties.

Ms. Webb stated the harbor master could fall under the police department and Gene Osburn could assume the duties of the cemetery sexton.

Commissioner Elliott stated that as employees retire or quit, the City does not need to rehire that position.

Mayor Johnson suggested the City eliminate the cemetery sexton and harbor master part time positions with harbor master falling under police department and cemetery sexton falling under building

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Inspector, increase police overtime by \$8,000 and add \$2,000 overtime under administrative operations, and balance out Battery Park and Scipio Creek budgets to where there is no deficit in those funds and move admin money from Battery Park and Scipio Creek to General Fund.

Commissioner Cook agreed.

Commissioner Bartley stated he doesn't like it, but understands why it has to be done.

Commissioner Ash stated she agrees but still doesn't like the insurance plan.

Commissioner Elliott agreed.

There being no further business, workshop adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk