

A Budget Workshop of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes

Visitors: Joe Taylor, Rita Sawyer, Rose McCoy, Richard Dosik, Jim Philyaw, David Adlerstein

Workshop opened by Mayor Johnson.

Rose McCoy, Budget Committee Chair, presented Budget Committee report and recommendations to the Commission. Ms. McCoy outlined 2008/2009 budget.

Ms. Mathes stated that several expense line items have been added so expenses can be in more detail.

Ms. Webb reviewed staff and Budget Committee proposed additional revenue sources.

Ms. McCoy and Jim Philyaw outlined proposed salary increases. Mr. Philyaw stated that the 3% increase is just basically a cost of living increase, not a raise.

Richard Dosik stated he feels a cost of living increase should automatically be given each year.

Mayor Johnson stated that salary adjustments should automatically be reviewed each budget year.

Commissioner Elliott stated he feels incentive pay should be addressed.

Ms. Webb outlined how salary schedule worked in the past.

Commissioner Cook stated a policy needs to be drafted addressing employee qualifications and cost of living increase.

Mr. Philyaw stated maybe the City could request a copy of area municipality's policy.

Ms. Webb stated she would contact the Florida League of Cities to see if they already have that information. Ms. Webb stated she will gather information, and give to Ms. McCoy.

There being no further business, workshop adjourned.

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Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

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Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk