

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**

JUNE 20, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Langsdorf called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Dick Backlund, Raeanne Danielowski, Duane Langsdorf, and Mike Wallen. Council Member absent: Mayor Lori Kampa. Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, Community Economic Development Director Jim Thares, Police Chief Sean Rifenberick, Liquor Store Manager Jan Kostrzewski, Fire Chief Randy Miller, and Senior Planner Katie Larsen.

3. PROPOSED AGENDA

Council Member Wallen motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Danielowski, unanimous ayes, agenda adopted.

4. BUSINESS

4A. 2012 Budget Discussion

Brad Falteysek from AEM, Inc. provided budget/levy background information, the draft 5-year finance plan, a utility rate update, LGA/MVHC information, Levy Limit information, and reviewed the budget calendar. Falteysek also reviewed the tax rate history dating back to 2007, the net tax capacity history, and the tax rate effect on an average priced residential property. Discussion was also held on the potential for payroll increases, insurance increases, and employee step increases in 2012. Council Member Langsdorf noted that if the tax rate needs to be increased, that the increases be smaller over a period of time. Council Member Danielowski stressed that the City has to continue to live within its means. Council Member Wallen stated that the City cannot continue to operate at the same tax rate and that an increase appears to be justified. Council Member Backlund stated that the City needs to continue to take care of its needs. Council directed staff to continue budget planning with a tax rate increase of 3% and to provide these figures at the next Budget Workshop for further discussion.

4B. Performance Measures for Cities Discussion

Scott Johnson discussed the letter the City received from State Auditor Rebecca Otto regarding the performance measures that were created by the Council on Local Results and Innovation. Johnson encouraged Council to establish and maintain performance measures internally through our budget process instead of through a State program.

5. OTHER

Sean Rifenberick informed the Council about the camera's that were installed in the garage/evidence area at the Police Department. Council Member Danielowski discussed the recreational fire ordinance request that is on the June 22nd Council Agenda.

6. ADJOURN

Council Member Wallen motioned to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Gina Wolbeck
City Clerk

06/22/11
Date Approved By Council