

**MINUTES: CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
July 6, 2015**

**PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Muir, Councilman Bill Boutwell, Councilman Russell Martin (arrived at 6:17 p.m.), Councilman David Clark and Councilman Allen Chick**

**ABSENT: Councilman Gary Bilyeu**

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT: Mike Brice City Manager and Tami Taber City Secretary**

**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

**Mayor Muir called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.**

**2. Budget Workshop.**

**City Manager gave a Power Point presentation which included the organization of the budget, General and Enterprise fund revenues, property tax, expenses, ongoing capital projects, personnel changes, reserves and utility rates.**

**Sales tax is up about 8% and property tax is up about 5%. Building permits and fees are slightly below projections, but are expected to increase next year.**

**Personnel changes include a 2% merit raise (range of 0-3%) and adding two full time employees in the Fire Department.**

**Sewer rates will increase 15% in anticipation of the bond payment for the sewer plant rehab and other improvements, water rates to increase 6% to cover an increase in wholesale water rates and increased cost of service. Additional increases will include a groundwater district fee of \$2.00 per meter per month and an additional \$2.00 per month to cover increased transmission costs.**

**3. Overview of Items on Regular Agenda.**

**4. Adjourn.**

**Mayor Muir adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.**