

MINUTES: CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
March 1, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Higgs, Councilman Thomas Muir, Councilman Robert Patton and Councilman Andy Garza

ABSENT: Councilman Russell Martin and Councilman Glenn Ervin

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mike Brice City Manager and Tami Taber City Secretary

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Mayor Higgs called the meeting to order.

2. Overview and Discussion of Current Budget, Financial Revenues and Plans to Address Revenue Shortfalls.

The City Manager gave a Power Point presentation of where we are currently at and he gave his recommendations.

As of December, sales taxes are currently at 84% of projections and that's the biggest concern at this time. The budgeted amount is \$208,333.35 and the actual is \$174,888.84 which leaves a shortfall of \$33,444.51. The projected shortfall for the year is expected to be \$80,000 to \$100,000.

He went over the current open positions and by not filling those, there would be a savings of \$56,112.68. He advised that departments have been spending less and also suggested not opening the swimming pool. In order to open it this summer, the pool needs \$53,000 in repairs and by not opening it, there would be a \$38,300 savings to the General Fund. Doing both will bridge the sales tax shortfall.

3. Discussion of EMS Revenues and Issues With Current Billing Company.

City Manager advised that he and David Pennington have been monitoring the billing for some time and Intermedix is not performing at the level that they should be. There is not a bench mark in the contract it just states that they will submit an invoice a total of three times. They are charging 12% and two other companies will charge 8%.

Councilman Garza inquired as to who other cities are using and the City Manager advised that they are using Intermedix but they are also looking for someone new.

4. Overview of Items on Regular Agenda.

5. Adjournment.

Mayor Higgs adjourned the meeting.