

MARIANNA CITY COMMISSION
WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 19, 2022
4:30 P.M.

The Marianna City Commission met for a workshop on the above date and time. Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order. City Clerk, Kimberly J. Applewhite, called the roll. Members present were: Mayor Kenneth Hamilton, Commissioners Travis Ephriam, John E. Roberts, Allen Ward II and Rico Williams.

Commissioner Hamilton gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the flag.

City Manager, Jim Dean, presented a letter to the Commission prior to the meeting discussing points of interest within the City's and MH&R's proposed budget. Mr. Dean spoke in length to the Commission about the details in the letter and the highlights of the 2022-2023 City budget. Mr. Dean indicated this was a tough budget because of the effects of the Constitutional Amendment that mandates a minimum wage of \$15 an hour by October 2026. Even though the City is not adopting \$15 an hour in this budget, the City is trying to make an effort to get ahead of the change and is proposing a minimum wage of \$12 per hour. This in addition to salary compression issues is causing issues in the budget. The budget is based on a millage rate of 2.9985 mills. The roll back rate is 2.8742 so adopting the millage rate of 2.9985 will result in a tax increase of 4.32%.

Mr. Dean informed the Commission that the Utility, Airport and MH&R funds have a balanced budget. General Fund was OVER budget by approximately \$80,000 and it was his recommendation to freeze (3) positions until the shortfall was met during the fiscal year: (1) in Public Works, (1) in Police Department and (1) in Fire Department.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned and the special meeting was called to order.

The City is required by Florida Statutes to submit for TRIM purposes, a tentative tax millage rate to the County Property Appraiser to be mailed to all property owners in the City.

The TRIM effort establishes a maximum ad valorem tax rate that the City may use in preparing the FY 2022-2023 budget. A tax rate lower than the TRIM may be ultimately approved, however, a higher rate is prohibited, unless each taxpayer within the jurisdiction is notified. The current year millage rate is 2.9985 and we are proposing to keep the millage rate at 2.9985. The roll back rate is 2.8742 and adopting a 2.9985 millage rate will result in a tax increase of 4.32%.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Williams, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt a tentative millage rate of 2.9985 mills.

The police department has received a grant from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) in the amount of \$25,231 towards purchase of a handheld narcotics analyzer. The police department received (3) quotes as follows:

Thermo Fisher-\$27,645.97
Advanced Covert-\$28,514.00
Federal Resources-Could not provide a quote

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Williams, the Commission voted unanimously to approved the purchase of the narcotics analyzer from Thermo Fisher in amount of \$27,645.97, with the City paying \$2,414.97 of the purchase price. The \$2,414.97 will come from the Police Protection Services account within the Police Department.

City Manager Dean informed the Commission of (2) groundbreaking ceremonies:

1. Chick-Fil-A on July 25, 2022 at 8:00 am
2. Blue Sky Building on August 9, 2022 at 8:00 am

The Request for Proposal (RFP) 2021-03 (Grant Administration and Engineering for CDBG) was advertised on July 27, 2022 and will close on August 16, 2022 at 2:00 PM. There will need to be a public meeting advertised since there are (2) Commissioners on the review committee, which will meet on August 19, 2022 to review the RFP.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:

City Clerk