

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED 2013 / 2014 BUDGET FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, September 3, 2013, AT 5:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson and City Clerk Charlotte Pierce were also present. The purpose of the Workshop was to review the Wastewater and Solid Waste Funds of the proposed 2013 / 2014 Budget and receive input from the Commissioners on structuring the Budget.

Documentation was provided to the Commissioners reflecting the proposed FY 2013 – 2014 Budget with line item detail provided for both Revenue and Expenditures.

Dwight Van Lierop, provided an insurance overview for the upcoming budget cycle. He noted that a Return of Premium check in the amount of \$40,818 would be forthcoming from the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for Property and Casualty.

Health insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield will have a slight increase this year.

After a review of the budget information, Commissioners expressed their appreciation for all the hard work that had gone into the budget preparation.

Ralph Robertson stated that he felt the City has done a good job managing their finances, they have been conservative in their approach, costs do go up and down the road there may have to be an increase in taxes but at this point an overall good job has been done. The City has been balancing the revenues and cutting cost where possible and there is not a lot of waste in the budget.

Mayor Magidson noted that the City was in good shape for the shape we are in and he felt that staff has done a good job.

The total budget for FY 2013 – 2014 is \$11,250,000 which is down 5% from the current fiscal year.

The first Public Hearing will be held on September 12, 2013, at 5:01 P.M.

Mayor Magidson adjourned the Workshop at 5:45 P.M.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

  
Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor