

**MINUTES OF THE FY 2018 – 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, August 21, 2018, AT 12 Noon.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, and Langston. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Financial Director Mike Lacour, Police Chief Matt Herring, and Wastewater Plant Manager Kevin Pettis were also present. Commissioner Lowry was absent.

The purpose of the Workshop was to review the Wastewater Department Funds, Professional Services Consulting, and Police Department segments of the FY 2018 – 2019 Budget.

Mike Lacour provided a copy of the updated budget, individual pages for each Professional Service, a snapshot of insurance cost using the current quote, and overall increases for employees.

The current Millage rate is 3.5914, with a total Budget across all funds of \$14,138,950 and there is an estimated increase of \$61,346 from AD Taxes based on our current Millage.

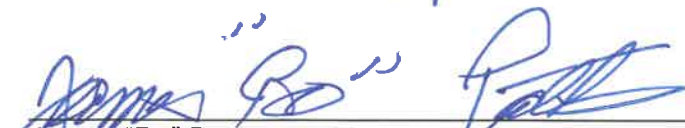
Kevin Pettis gave an overview of Algae issues, what causes it, and how biological dredging would reduce the nutrients in the lagoon. A Consent Order has been issued by FL DEP, they will support biological dredging, allow three years for the issues to be corrected, and will then revisit the situation. Mr. Pettis feels that an RFP should be issued for companies that have a proven record dealing with Algae. A maintenance plan also needs to be developed to keep nutrients off the lagoon bottom.

Areas of concern during the meeting were the increase requested by the current attorney, the lack of not having two police officers on duty at all times for safety, and employees being required to absorb all insurance increases.

The next Budget Workshop will be held in the City Commission Conference Room at City Hall on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at noon for a review of Health Insurance costs and to close out budget issues.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to adjourn the Workshop at 12:58 P.M.

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

  
James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

9/4/18  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

9/4/18  
Date