

MINUTES OF THE FY 2023 - 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD AT 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, August 8, 2023, AT 12 Noon.

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Kerigan, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Financial Director Mike Lacour, Police Chief Jake Richards, Public Works Director John Grantland, Surface Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Larry McClamma, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Kevin Pettis, and Joe Harris Chief Operator, were also present. Commissioner Langston joined the meeting at 12:20.

The purpose of the Workshop was to review the FY 2023 – 2024 Budget.

Melissa Hancock, speaking on behalf of the pickle ball group, gave an overview of the program and requested funding from the City in the amount of \$53,000. Mayor Buzzett shared that he would like an Interlocal Agreement with Gulf County as to the amount they would contribute, noted the parking issue with the current location, and the opening of the new motel adjacent to the courts. He noted there are many requests for funding and decisions would need to be made to fill them. Others speaking on behalf of the pickle ball group were Bessie Graham, Bill Crane, Art Polep, Kyle Worthy, and Ed Mitchem.

After a lengthy discussion on personnel, employee raises for the coming fiscal year, and reiterating the need to stay out of personnel issues and leave them to the department heads, the Commission reviewed the Non - Departmental Projects. Consensus was that election expenses should be less and suggested adding \$2,000 of those funds to each of the following groups, Gulf County Library, Gulf County Senior Citizens, and Gulf County ARC Travel Assistance.

No update on rates for Dental, Liability, or Property Insurance, and Workers Comp have been received as of today. Mr. Van Lierop is working on this and will let the City know what the rates will be as soon as he receives them.

Citizens to be Heard

No one wished to address the Commission.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Neither Mayor Buzzett nor the Commissioners had anything else to discuss.

Motion to Adjourn

The next Budget Workshop will be held in the City Commission Meeting Room at Ward Ridge on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.

Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 1:50 P.M.

Approved this 15th day of August 2023.



Rex Buzzett, Mayor

8/15/23

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

8/15/23

Date