

SOUTH FULTON CITY COMMISSION
SOUTH FULTON, TENNESSEE
November 9, 2005

AGENDA

Budget Workshop

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David James on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., invocation was given by Commissioner Charles Moody.

ROLL CALL BY RECORDER

Roll call was taken by City Recorder Debbie Beadles. Present were D James, R Haskins, W Kane, C Moody, T Pettigrew, K Dillon, K Ivey. There were approximately ten citizens and one media personnel present.

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Ms. Dillon stated the general fund revenues are based on \$1.70 property tax rate per \$100 assessed value. She stated State Street Aid proposed revenues to be \$71,000, Ambulance is self-sustaining, Solid Waste revenues to be \$202,500, expenses to be \$167,000 with a surplus of \$35,000.

Ms. Dillon recommends city water base rate to be increased to \$16.00 and rural base rate increased to \$20.00 in Water Fund, with surplus of \$30,800. She recommended an increase in sewer base rate to \$31.00 for a surplus of \$873. She stated gas rate has been increased 2.4 times as much as the city was paying. She stated the city was paying \$5.89 and is now paying \$14.09. She stated city should expect 15% loss of gas usage due to increase in price, but proposes a surplus of \$87,184.

Ms. Dillon stated there has been no change in personnel since Friday when commission met last. There was discussion to not replace police officer and save about \$34,000 in wages and benefits. Ms. Dillon stated, in previous discussion, regarding elimination of a fireman position, the ISO rating would be affected. Commissioner Moody suggested elimination of auto mechanic position. Public Works Director Hubert Maynard stated Mr. Hill does all maintenance on all city vehicles, pulls motors, etc. He stated city could expect to spend \$55 - \$60 per hour on maintenance and repairs.

Commissioner Moody moved to do away with position of auto mechanic. Motion dies for lack of second.

Ms. Dillon stated office personnel options available are outsourcing bookkeeping and some clerical jobs. She stated office personnel are paid out of four funds. She stated police personnel are paid 100% out of general fund. Lt. David Lamb stated by cutting

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one police officer, other officers and citizens are being put in dangerous situation. He stated South Fulton could not rely on Fulton officers as they are not certified in Tennessee or county officers. He stated there will be decrease in protection to citizens, training and increase in overtime. He stated David Crocker will be coming back tomorrow, but police force is still short-handed.

Commissioner Kane stated board should look to cutting dispatcher as it is better to have officer on street. Ms. Dillon stated salary with benefits for dispatcher is \$30,777. Commissioner Moody stated in order to balance budget, board will have to cut people. Commissioner Kane stated it is unfortunate that city is in situation where there are not a lot of choices. Ms. Dillon stated dispatcher is TIBRIS certified, posts data, convenience to residents. James Pierce, resident, stated Hazel Smith is an asset to the city.

There was discussion regarding county clerk office selling city stickers and inconsistency in stickers sold. Larry Henderson, city resident and county commission, disagreed that county clerk did not do a good job in selling stickers to South Fulton residents.

Commissioner Kane moved to increase city stickers to \$25 plus cost of handling by the county clerk office. Motion dies for lack of second.

Commissioner Moody moved to increase city stickers to \$25 and sell at city hall. Motion dies for lack of second.

Commissioner Kane moved to increase city sticker cost to \$30 and sell at city hall. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. In roll call vote, Commissioners Kane, Moody, and Pettigrew voted aye. Commissioner Haskins and Mayor James voted nay. Motion carries with 3-2 vote.

Commissioner Kane moved to accept entire budget as presented and amended above regarding cost of city stickers. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. In roll call vote, Commissioners Kane, Moody, Pettigrew and Haskins voted aye. Mayor James voted nay. Motion carries with 4-1 vote.

Commissioner Kane moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #2005-6 (ordinance appropriating funds, establishing a property tax rate and establishing spending limits for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006). Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. In roll call vote, Commissioners Moody, Pettigrew, Haskins and Kane voted aye. Mayor James voted nay. Motion carries with 4-1 vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moody moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Mayor James seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED BY: _____
RECORDER MAYOR