

**Special Called City Council Meeting, May 20, 2013**

**Minutes**

PRESENT: Mayor Stringfellow; Council Members Odell Williams, Betty Bagley, Susan Kovas, King D. Thompson and Linda Tinker; Human Resources Director Carla Roof and Finance Director Crystal Smith.

ABSENT: Council Members George Caldwell, Annie Reid and William Killian. City Attorney April P. Counterman.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow at 5:45 pm.

PRAYER: Councilwoman Kovas led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS: Cancellation of May 27, 2013, Council Meeting – Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to cancel the meeting of the May 27, 2013. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Workshop – Mrs. Smith provided Council with an updated revenue and expenditure statement by account. Currently we are \$296,034.20 over budgeted. Mrs. Smith requested to allow her the opportunity to place a hiring freeze through 6-30-2013, unless approved by the Finance Director. After discussion, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to place a freeze on all-unnecessary spending through 6-30-2013. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Smith discussed with Council next year's budget proposal. She indicated that she eliminated the 3% increase, two part-time positions going to full time and one full time request in the police department a corporal's position. Council discussed the requested items for the Recreation Department.

CDDA requested \$50,000.00 for the upcoming year. Councilwoman Tinker indicated that she could not support giving this request. There is money in accounts that we could use for 2% increase for employees. We have enough money in these accounts to use. Council requested that Mrs. Smith bring back these numbers to Council for a 2% pay raise. Recreation Department – Mrs. Smith indicated that we need to look at increasing the vendors fees, etc. The police department is not bringing in revenue and they should be utilizing their officers. Parking Tickets are 100% profit, business license revenue, recreation need to find ways to generate revenue on recreation programs.

With no further business, Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 7 pm. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Roof