

CALLED MEETING ON BUDGET JUNE 17, 2016 AT LIVINGSTON CITY HALL AT 5:00 P.M.

ALDERMAN PRESENT: DAVID LANGFORD
BILL LINDER
CINDY ROBBINS
DAVID SADLER II
BILL WINNINGHAM

ALDERMAN ABSENT: NONE

MAYOR CURTIS HAYES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

THE MAYOR WENT OVER ITEMS THAT COULD BE CUT IN THE BUDGET.

ALDERMAN ROBBINS ASK ABOUT THE DONATION TO CASH CEMETARY AND WHY WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF POOR HOUSE CEMETARY.

MAYOR HAYES STATED THAT THE DONATION TO CASH CEMETARY STARTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO DURING ANOTHER ADMINISTRATION. HE STATED THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF POOR HOUSE CEMETARY.

CMFO JOEL PARKS STATED THAT THE CITY NEEDS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR ANY DONATIONS THAT IT GIVES.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

CMFO JOEL PARKS STATED THAT THE CITY HAS A REVENUE ISSUE BECAUSE TAXES HAD NOT BEEN RAISED IN YEARS PAST. HE HAS TOLD THE BOARD FOR SEVERAL YEARS THAT THE TAX RATE NEEDED TO BE RAISED.

ALDERMAN WINNINGHAM STATED THAT RAISING TAXES IS UNPOPULAR BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE DONE.

ALDERMAN LANGFORD STATED THAT BEFORE ANYONE IS HIRED, THEY NEED TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD.

ALDERMAN ROBBINS STATED THAT SHE HAS HAD SEVERAL PEOPLE TELL HER THAT THE BALLPARK CONCESSION STANDS NEEDS TO BE BID OUT.

SEVERAL OF THE ALDERMEN ASK MAYOR HAYES TO TAKE BIDS ON THE HEALTH INSURANCE.

MAYOR HAYES STATED THAT HE WOULD RESEARCH THE HEALTH INSURANCE AND SEE WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, BILL WINNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION TO PASS THE BUDGET ON THE FIRST READING. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND.

AFTER MORE DISCUSSION, BILL LINDER MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET ORDINANCE WITH A 19 CENT TAX INCREASE, CUT THE GARBAGE TRUCK OUT OF THE BUDGET, HAVE A HIRING FREEZE, LEAVE THE RAISES IN BUT DON'T GIVE UNTIL DECEMBER. THE BOARD CAN LOOK AT THE FINANCES AND SEE IF THE CITY CAN AFFORD TO GIVE THE RAISES. DAVID LANGFORD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4 YES WITH CINDY ROBBINS VOTING NO.

THE BOARD STATED THAT THEY NEED TO START WORKING ON THE BUDGET IN MAY INSTEAD OF WAITING UNTIL JUNE.

DAVID SADLER MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. BILL WINNINGHAM SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 5 YES AND 0 NO.

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
VICE-MAYOR