

BUDGET WORK SESSION - SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

The Mayor and City Council met on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 114 West Sycamore Street, Lincolnton.

Mayor Black called the meeting to order.

The following Council members were in attendance:

HOUSER CLONINGER HEAVNER HOVIS

Recently hired Fire Chief Mike Lee was in attendance and introduced himself to the elected officials.

The City Manager provided Council with a work book of information on the following Capital Projects:

- (1) Police Department Expansion
- (2) Marcia H. Cloninger Rail/Trail Expansion - Phase III
- (3) Depot Purchase and Restoration
- (4) Development of a Public Parking Lot Behind City Hall (located on City owned property at the corner of Pine and Aspen Street)
- (5) Sewer Extension to the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport
- (6) Upgrades to Indian Creek Industrial Park Infrastructure
- (7) Annexation Infrastructure Extensions
- (8) Information Technology Improvements
- (9) The City's Fund Balance as of June 30, 2008
- (10) A summary of the potential costs of these projects along with the City's debt schedule

A copy of this work book is on file in the City Clerk's office and is available for reference as a part of these official minutes.

Each item generated discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cloninger asked for a break at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Mayor Black called for a motion to enter into Closed Session. Councilman Cloninger made the motion unanimously approved to enter into Close Session to discuss property acquisition in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(5).

Councilman Cloninger made the motion unanimously approved to return to Regular Session.

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Mayor Black shared several ideas. He felt the City could look into a long term agreement with Lincoln County rather than the County building a two million gallon capacity treatment plant.

After further discussion on the various items, no official action was taken on the order of the priority of the issues discussed.

It was determined that the expansion to the Police Department be put on hold at this time due to the cost of the project.

Being no further business, Councilman Cloninger made the motion to adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

DONNA C. FLOWERS, CMC
CITY CLERK

DAVID M. BLACK
MAYOR