

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MAY 12, 2011
6:30P.M.**

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Police Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilman David Moore	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
City Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Senior Planner

Invocation

Councilman Brookshire led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough amended the agenda to add the closed session to the first item on the agenda and then the second item is call for a public hearing for the 2011-2012 budget. With no other changes to the agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present, voted in favor. The motion passed.

At this time, Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5)). Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Moore made a motion to return to open session. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Mayor Hough advised that no action was taken during closed session.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to call for public hearing for the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Discussion of the Proposed 2011-2012 Budget

Mr. Jackson advised that Council has been presented with a balanced budget. He recognized Jamie Guffey, Africa Otis and the Department Heads for an outstanding job.

Mayor Hough advised that Council will go through the budget by Department. Council had discussion on the following items:

1. The cost associated with the municipal election
2. Economic Development Funds

3. The addition of \$5000 for archives and the Historical Society
4. The necessity for the Fire Department to run Ems call and the expense associated with it.
5. The \$725 a month associated with maintenance of the downtown flower beds.
6. The \$10,000 in the Recreation Budget for a planning study as how to enlarge and provide more park services.
7. Mr. Bishop asked that the Gator that is included in the budget be left at the waste treatment plant.
8. Maintenance and repair in regard to the storm water system.

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the May 12, 2011 Budget meeting. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.