



ALBERTVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, August 1, 2011
BUDGET WORKSHOP NOTES

ALBERTVILLE CITY HALL

7:48 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mark Meehan, Council members John Vetsch, Larry Sorensen, Dan Wagner, and Jillian Schommer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Planner Alan Brixius, City Attorney Mike Couri, PW Supervisor Tim Guimont, City Administrator Larry Kruse, Finance Director Tina Lannes, Utilities Superintendent John Middendorf, City Clerk Bridget Miller, City Engineer Adam Nafstad, Building Official/Zoning Administrator Jon Sutherland, and Fire Chief Tate Mills

Mayor Meehan called the 2011 Second Budget Workshop Session to order at 7:48 p.m.

City Administrator Kruse began with an estimated cost comparison of commercial property taxes per Council member Vetsch's request. Kruse commented the smaller businesses would possibly see a \$64 increase compared to that of a larger one, which could be about \$336+. It is unknown what the County or State charges will be.

Council member Vetsch asked if the State adds a tax on top of the City, School, and County. Kruse commented that 'yes' the State adds their charge on top of the local taxes, which might vary depending on where within the State the business is located.

Council's main focus seemed to be on the Cost of Living increase. It seemed they wanted to give staff some type of a raise; however, they wanted to see what would be the most affordable amount. Council would like to see the City get back on track with allowing employees to receive steps if they were due.

Staff went through the process of changing numbers around to give the Council an idea of how much the percentage would be adjusting the cost of living increase. Staff continued to remind the Council it is recommended to set the Preliminary Levy on the higher side because you can always lower it in December when the Final Levy and Budget are adopted. Staff stated that in other words the Council can lower the amount in December they cannot increase it at that time.

Council discussed continuing the budget process. The next date that was set is Monday, August 8 following the regular STMA Ice Arena meeting. Council member Wagner asked about changing it to Monday, August 15 following the regular Council meeting. It appears the Council is close to finalizing and didn't see a need for the Council to come in on an extra night. It was

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the consensus of the Council to move the Third Budget Workshop to Monday, August 15th following the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

CMs Sorensen/Wagner **motioned** to adjourn the Monday, August 1, 2011 City Council Budget Workshop session at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Bridget Miller, City Clerk (recording secretary)