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**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, August 5, 2015 @ 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Blair Briggs, Chairman; Jacqueline Martin; Sherell Roberts, and Marvin Richard.  
ABSENT: None

A moment of silent meditation was observed and Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin led the Pledge to the U.S. Flag.

1. *Discussion by Mr. Wilbert Levier regarding the employee 2 ½ percent pay increase from Fiscal Year 2012-2013.* Mr. Levier stated that he was there to ask for the 2 ½% increase from 2012-2013. This pay increase was suspended but is still owed to the employees. Mr. Levier asked that Mrs. Linda Walker, Civil Service Director, highlight this matter. Mrs. Walker stated that this increase was suspended for one year. She stated what Mr. Levier is speaking of is the money that the employees did not receive by not getting the raise for that year. That amount came out to \$59,954.03 for all municipal employees. Alderman Briggs stated that at that time, the City could not legally give that money proactively or retroactively. Mrs. Walker stated that this was something that the City asked to be waived. Ms. Walker stated that this was something that was expected to be paid back when Ms. Laura Balthazar came before the Civil Service Board. The Board spoke about revisiting it within six months to see where the City would stand in order to pay that amount of money, but they didn't revisit it in six months. It went the whole year and when it came time to renew again, the Board thought they were going to pay the employees the money they had lost for that year but it was waived because the funds were not there to do it at the time. The employees were still waiting to be paid that amount of money. As of today, it still has not been paid. Alderman Briggs asked the City attorney had done any research on this issue. He stated that he had not had a chance to but he would review it and would have an opinion by next week's Council meeting. This item will be discussed further during the full council meeting next week.

2. *Discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Amended Budget and Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Budget.* Alderman Briggs asked that the City Clerk give a brief summary of the revenues received by the City. City Clerk Leisa Anderson stated that the revenues include funds from grants, monies received from the water and sewer department, monies received from Wal-mart Distribution Center to cover expenses for running their location at the Sewer Plant, capital outlay items that are budgeted out of each department to go into their debt service funds, etc. Alderman Briggs then went on to discuss the expenditures. The following changes were recommended:

Executive Department:

Salaries: proposed amount of \$800,800 will be lowered to \$725,000

Postage: proposed amount of \$35,000 will be lowered to \$25,000

City Planning:

City Auditors Fee: proposed amount of \$80,000 will be lowered to \$72,000

Police:

Repairs and Tires: proposed amount of \$125,000 will be lowered to \$100,000

Marshall:

Gas, Oil, Tires, Repairs: proposed amount of \$15,000 will be lowered to \$13,000

Parks:

Special Park Police: proposed amount of \$12,500 will be lowered to \$10,000

Water

Salaries: proposed amount of \$1,000,000 will be lowered to \$950,000

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard and unanimously carried, it was recommended to forward to the full council for further review and approval.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn. The Budget Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

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