

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE ROGERS CITY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010

Mayor Hall presided and called the workshop to order at 8 p.m. Present were Council Members Darrin Darga, Debra Greene, Gary Nowak, Thomas Sobeck, and Mayor Beach Hall. Present from City Staff were City Mgr. Mark Slown, Eng Asst Toby Kuznicki, Bookkeeper Judy Darga, and Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Heinzl.

Mayor Hall addressed the workshop and explained that this is a review of the proposed budget for FY2010-2011. He deferred to City Mgr. Slown, who provided a brief overview of the changes from the last budget workshop document. He reported that the unions did not agree to give up their bargained 3% increase in wages and the budget reflected the retirement of DPW Lead Man Tom Gross. There was a brief discussion about work done by the Department of Public Works that may be done less frequently, i.e., grass mowing and trash pickup, etc. He summarized the issues that were specific to the budget document. Slown noted that the USDA Project will require a lot of time and effort and he cautioned that other projects may have to wait to be addressed.

Council Member Nowak asked if USDA funds could be used to hire a person to help with the project. Slown did not think that this was allowed by the guidelines. Nowak suggested that some thought be given to his suggestion if at all possible.

The six vehicles requested through the USDA grant funding program remain in the budget with the exception of the Marina vehicle. Slown also requested that the contractual services in the attorney's budget be increased from \$500 to \$2,500 due to upcoming labor negotiations. Mayor Hall remarked that the manager's wages should also be increased by the 3% as he did not take a pay increase in the current fiscal year.

The admin fee was addressed by Council Member Sobeck. He feels that due consideration should be given to implementing this 1% fee. This generated a discussion on adding this fee rather than looking at a Headlee override. An admin fee will generate approximately \$33,823 whereby the reduction in taxes is approximately \$50,372. Council discussed the effect of the lower values on the taxpayer even with the implementation of the admin fee. Some comments were mentioned regarding employees considering some type of concession, be it paying for the health care deductible or accepting a lesser wage increase, etc.

Mayor Hall concluded that four out of five council members were in agreement to add the admin fee in the revenue of the budget. Having heard the City Manager's explanation for not taking the proposed 3% wage increase, Hall withdrew his earlier comments on this issue. The final outcome of the budget workshop was that the contractual services line item in the attorney's budget is to be changed to \$2,500 and that the general fund revenue should reflect the 1% administration fee.

The workshop meeting was then declared adjourned at 8:36 p.m. by Mayor Hall.

BEACH HALL, MAYOR

THERESA A. HEINZEL, CITY CLERK/
TREASURER