

**BUDGET WORKSHOP  
CITY OF VERNON  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, 5:30P.M.**

**PRESENT:**      **COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Becky Baxley, Chad Jackson, Mary Porteus, Gwen March, Joey Brock  
                  **CITY CLERK** – Karen White  
                  **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** - Jason Rhoton  
                  **CITY ATTORNEY ASSISTANT** – Jeremy

**NOT PRESENT:**      **CITY ATTORNEY** - Michelle Jordan  
                              **MAYOR** – Gary Owens  
                              **RECREATION DIRECTOR** – Tim Garner  
                              **FIRE CHIEF** - ShiQuan Green

Council President Becky Baxley called the Budget Workshop to order.

Council President Becky Baxley stated she spoke with Mr. Lee today and he felt that it was not as beneficial for him to attend this meeting as it would the Monday Night Meeting when Josh the Auditor will be attending and speaking regarding the Audit. She continued to say that he would get a copy of the Audit and a copy of the budget that Karen has done thus far and look over it. He did say he would help with the budget if in the event it was necessary.

Council President Becky Baxley addressed the Mayor's recommendations to be added to the budget.

Discussions regarding the Grant on 10 lift stations.

Discussions were made about putting Grant Funds being added into the budget when the funds are not physically here. Conclusion was that more information needs to be gathered on this issue.

Council President Becky Baxley commented that the funds of \$5000 needs to be found in the budget for the 2 cameras for the Sheriff's Office. These cameras would be used if there was an incident to help monitor the route of the criminals. These cameras are \$2500 a year. Council had previously agreed on two.

Council President Becky Baxley also want the Council to acknowledge Jimmy's Cook's contract rate has gone up to \$1300 a year.

Wastewater Sampling is going up to \$9900. When the new permit was acquired water sampling was a whole lot more at that point in time.

Discussion was made about the Public Works Dept. purchasing a 2<sup>nd</sup> truck in the amount of \$27,206 and 30,064.60 for the Fire Department brush truck.

Council President Becky Baxley suggested that the Clerk make copies of Mayor's request and pass out to all Council Members and then Mayor Gary can address at the next meeting he attends.

Deputy Clerk Karen White state she spoke with Keith Adkinson from the County regarding the traffic ticket fines if there was a percentage. There is not a flat percentage, and it got very involved, but he said basically they get a distribution schedule sent by the state. There is a base fine and there's like 26 or more that is taken out of that money and after all the base fines are taken out the City gets 50.8%. It depends on the size the amount of ticket the person gets and then how much all the base fines taken out and then the City get 50.8% of what is left. Also, if the Florida Highway Patrol or county cop does not mark on the ticket that they were in the City of Vernon, then the City of Vernon will get no percentage.

City Clerk address Council regarding some insurance payment questions. Also, different budget questions. Council had detailed discussion regarding the budget. Council member Chad Jackson asked City Clerk Karen White to make sure the Fire Department had a copy of their budget.

Council President asked for motion to adjourn meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Chad Jackson

2nd Motion by: Mary Porteus

Discussion:

All in Favor?  YES  NO OPPOSED  NONE

Motion Carried  YES  NO

Meeting Adjourned.

These minutes are certified true and accurate on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov, 2022 by

Rebecca Baxley  
Rebecca Baxley, Council President

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