

Minutes

Eastport Budget Committee

2-24-2011

Budget Committee Members Present: Jon McNerney, Samra Kuseybi, Sue Lara, Larry Doak, Heinz Milenkovic, and Chair Martha Brickett

Others Present: Jon Southern; Eastport City Manager, Robert Scott; Eastport City Tax Accessor, and David Goulson

The meeting was called to order at 5PM.

Jon Southern spoke to the issue of the Boat School and the possible sale. Husson University has already indicated that the university will not renew the contract with Eastport for the school after the Spring Semester has finished. The committee was updated on LD 594, legislation pertaining to the proposed sale of the Boat School. The legislation would make it possible for the city to sell the school and surrounding property. The legislative meeting will be held in joint session on February 28, 2011 at 1 PM in Room 214 of the Cross Building in Augusta. Anyone wishing to attend and testify is welcome. Twenty copies of written testimony are necessary if someone is unable to attend. A bus has been hired to take any interested parties to the hearing on Monday.

Mr. Southern explained that the Pleasant Point Police Department has offered the loan of a police cruiser to the city until a new city cruiser can be purchased. One is currently available to the city for purchase at a cost of \$22,000.00. He stressed that a maintenance log will be kept on all vehicles from this point forward.

No bids have been received at this point in time for the property at One County Rd, known as the ConSea property, although there has been much interest and two weeks remain until the bid will close.

Chair Brickett thanked David Goulson for his invitation to the recent School Board meeting/ workshop. Cathy Lawrence had prepared a very comprehensive explanation of the school funding and their budget process. We all feel it will be of great help when we receive the school budget and how we try to work it into the city budget figures that we already have.

Discussion followed pertaining to the Cemetery. Three ideas were talked about.

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1. Cutting the position to a one person 32 hour job with the possible savings of 10,000.00.
 2. Privitization of the cemetery services.
 3. Bring the Cemetery into the Public Works department

No motions were made on any of the above discussion.

Chair Brickett requested that the members of the budget committee come to the next meeting with budget issues they may see after going through the city budget figures.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 8, 2011 at 5PM in the City Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Brickett, Chair
