



Budget Workshop Minutes

September 3, 2024
6:35 PM

25440 West Newberry Road
Newberry, Florida 32669

QUORUM CHECK

Mayor	Jordan Marlowe
Commissioner	Rick Coleman
City Manager	Mike New
City Clerk	Judy Rice
City Attorney	Scott Walker
Staff:	
Assistant City Manager/CFO	Dallas Lee
Assistant City Manager for Public Works and Utilities	Jamie Jones
Fire Chief	Mike Vogel
Director of Capital Project & Facilities	Joe Lovelady
Director of Recreation	Rod Clark
Assistant Director of Capital Project & Facilities	Ryan Young
Staff Specialist	Jeannene Mironack
Absent:	
Commissioners	Mark Clark Monty Farnsworth Tim Marden Tony Mazon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marlowe called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Budget Wrap Up

Assistant City Manager/CFO Lee presented a PowerPoint that included these budget considerations:

- Millage Rate of 5.9000. After discussion, it was decided that the Budget Hearing on September 9, 2024, will begin discussion with a millage rate of 6.0000.
- Proposed utility rate changes:
 - Residential Electric Rate 1.5% increase and power cost adjustment (PCA) reduction of .00306, with a net impact of -\$1.25 per month.

- Water Rate 6.0% increase with an average impact per residential customer of approximately \$2.07 per month. Second lowest in the peer group.
- Wastewater Rates 9.5% increase for all customer classes with an average impact per residential customer of approximately \$6.80 per month. Second lowest in the peer group. 1 requested Full-Time-Employee was cut due to budget constraints.
- Increasing the City Manager’s Purchasing Authority threshold to \$50,000 as well as the competitive bid threshold. Many vendors are not responding to competitive bid requests due to the staff time and paperwork required. Vendors would prefer submitting a quote. There was discussion regarding mirroring the City of Alachua’s threshold of setting the City Manager’s Purchasing Authority at \$100,000.
- Discussion on the Fire Assessment was postponed until the September 9, 2024, Commission Meeting.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Coleman and Mayor Marlowe made comments.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Signed and approved on this 9th day of September 2024.

Jordan Marlowe, Mayor

Judy S. Rice, City Clerk