

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a Budget Work Session in the City Hall Council Chambers on February 16, 2018.

Mayor Gover presided and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Gover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Dave Cox, YEA Commissioner Sandra Graven, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Preston Owen, and YEA Mayor Tim Gover.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Kyle Gill, Finance Director/Treasurer Beth Wright, Public Works Director Dean Barber, Fire Chief Tony Nichols, Assistant Fire Chief Sean Junge, Police Chief Jason Taylor, Deputy Police Chief Sam Gaines, Arts & Tourism Director Angelia Burgett (8:39), Park/Lakes/Cemetery Superintendent Kurt Stretch, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public comment with no response from the Public.

Administrator Gill reviewed the FY19 requested budget and announced a deficit of \$1,332,047. Administrator Gill with input from Director & Treasurer Wright, Council, and Department Heads reviewed the GF increases and health insurance, work comp history and safety training, fire and police pensions, other items; revenues consisting of property tax, utility tax, franchise tax, licenses/permits, government grants, State government shared revenues, charges for services, fines and forfeitures, interest earnings, rents, contributions and miscellaneous revenues, which overall were down \$281,385; budget summaries, department reductions which resulted in a deficit of \$960,053; and stated a need to look at services and personnel, prioritize services, and noted cash reserves for two to three years at most. Council and attendees discussed personnel, open positions, revenues, pensions, insurance, tax increases, reduction of services, reduction of State taxes, scenarios of cuts to balance the budget, all property taxes going to fire and police pensions, police services, loss of personnel and services, mapping, reduce personnel through attrition, annexations, taxes, additional departmental meetings, and negotiations. Mayor Gover thanked everyone for their input.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourn at 10:42 a.m.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover.

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk