

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a special meeting in the Lone Elm Room of the Mattoon Depot on February 10, 2017 for a Budget Work Session.

Mayor Gover presided and called the meeting to order at 8:00 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, Absent 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, Police Chief Jeff Branson, Arts & Tourism Director Angelia Burgett, Park/Lakes/Cemetery Superintendent Kurt Stretch, Technology Director Brian Johanpeter, Deputy Police Chief Jason Taylor, Assistant Fire Chief Sean Junge, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

Members of the Fire Department were also in attendance: Rex Barnes, Bart Owen, Jim Donnell, Kenny Clatfelter, Tyler Johns, Dustin Rhoads, and Mike Romine.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public comments/questions with no response.

Administrator Gill opened discussion on the City of Mattoon FY18 Budget. Administrator Gill with input from Treasurer Wright reviewed General Fund revenues noting a projected deficit for FY17 of \$138,000, the need to reduce any unnecessary purchases, grants and reductions to budget, FY 18 deficit of \$450,377, options of video gaming taxes, deferred purchases, budgeted surplus, MEF contributions, 0% wage increases, reduction of DOI pension contributions, and reductions of services and personnel. Council, Administrator Gill, and attendees discussed the options, City's efforts to bring economic development, health insurance, personnel, services cuts, properties to annex, hiring freeze with no replacement of employees, transferring appropriate expenditures from General Fund to other funds, discussion of FY17 and unexpected expenses, State appropriations, reduction of personnel through attrition, not hiring an economic development coordinator, ambulance, lake campground, and research where to change operations. Council recessed at 9:37 a.m. Council reconvened at 9:51 a.m. Administrator Gill continued discussion with Council on options of transferring video gaming taxes for equipment and building maintenance, defer the purchase of police vehicles, budgeted surplus, reduction of independent actuarial pension contributions to the DOI's actuarial contributions, MEF contributions, zero percent pay increase across the board. Administrator Gill would speak with the Department Heads for anything further to reduce budgets. Council would discuss additional budgets in a regular Council meeting. Mayor Gover thanked all in attendance; and requested cutting budgets where Department Heads can.

Commissioner Cox seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to adjourn at 10:02 a.m.

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

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk