

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
2 2002-2003 BUDGET HEARING

3  
4 June 12, 2002

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7 Attended: Leonard Wolf, Mayor  
8 Karen Jacobs, Councilor  
9 Marvin Casebeer, Councilor  
10 Anna Bass, Councilor  
11 Roger McKinley, Councilor  
12 Lance Delgado, Councilor  
13 Diane Clingman, City Recorder  
14 Dave Welch, Chief of Police  
15 Joe Hitz  
16 Steve Close  
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18 Mayor Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The roll was called, Mort Rennels  
19 being absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited.  
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21 The minutes of the May 22, 2002 regular meeting were considered for approval. **MSP:**  
22 **To approve the minutes of the May 22 meeting as written, Marvin Casebeer/Anna**  
23 **Bass.**

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25 Mayor Wolf opened the public hearing for the 2002-2003 budget and asked for public  
26 comment. No one from the public was present for the hearing. He explained the hearing  
27 would remain open while the Council proceeded with the regular meeting.  
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29 It was noted that the amount of hours for summer help in the Public Works Department  
30 has been reduced to 800 hours (from 1040) but that there was a misunderstanding about it  
31 by Bob Titus. It was explained that there is not enough work to keep all three students  
32 busy full time due primarily to age requirements. Mayor Wolf recommended giving it a  
33 try at the reduced hours. He said he had talked with Public Works and that Georgia had  
34 been able to work out a modified schedule for the three employees. The Council agreed  
35 to stay with the amount budgeted for 800 hours.  
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37 Donita Adams was not present at the meeting.  
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39 6:15 p.m. Mayor Wolf recognized Steve Close who addressed the Council regarding his  
40 proposal to have the City bill him the equivalent of City tax in lieu of double water and  
41 sewer rates. Anna Bass noted that it is common practice for cities to bill double rates for  
42 residents outside city limits. Mr. Close argued that when the sewer rate was increased,  
43 the double rate became excessive. He was reminded that by residing outside the city  
44 limits he has the option of drilling a well and installing a septic system instead of using  
45 City services. Mayor Wolf noted the City attorney does not recommend using a formula

1 to calculate charges. The City Recorder also noted that the City would be, in effect,  
2 lowering rates and that could be a violation of the water and wastewater financing  
3 contracts. It was noted that there are other residents outside the city limits who may or  
4 may not be willing to convert to an alternate billing formula because depending on  
5 property values, the rates could actually be higher. Mr. Close said the City could just do  
6 it for him, but the Council disagreed. Discussion followed. Mayor Wolf asked for two  
7 Councilors to research the legalities and feasibility. No one volunteered. Mayor Wolf  
8 asked Lance Delgado who said he would try but is extremely busy during this time of  
9 year. No other Councilor could commit the time so Mayor Wolf said he would work  
10 with Lance to gather the information. Mayor Wolf also said he would not be present at  
11 the June 26 meeting but would be in contact with Close.

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13 6:40 p.m. Action List:

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15 **New Business**

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- 17 • The City Recorder said she had talked with the insurance agent and that people  
18 working with the fireworks would be covered.

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20 Planning: No Report

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22 Public Safety: Dave Welch addressed the Council with concern over the Budget  
23 Committee's decision to not provide funding of \$500 for federal surplus fees and asked  
24 the Council to reconsider. He explained that he could acquire items such as bullet proof  
25 vests for free through the program. In other business, he noted that residents near the  
26 baseball field had voiced complaints about parking during the games.

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28 Landfill Inspection Report: Bob Titus was not present to give a report. Karen Jacobs  
29 expressed concern over (possibly) underage employees working on the garbage truck.  
30 The City Recorder said at one time Officer Wood had looked into the situation. Dave  
31 Welch said he would do some checking.

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33 Public Works: No Report.

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35 Office: The audit contract was considered for approval. **MSP: To authorize Mayor**  
36 **Wolf to sign the audit contract, Anna Bass/Roger McKinley.**

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38 Anna Bass addressed the Council with a concern about the City continuing to do business  
39 with Gary Reigel of Blue Mountain Tel-Com. While talking with the City Recorder on  
40 the telephone, she overheard Mr. Reigel yelling and making unreasonable demands for a  
41 check. It was noted that due to past performance and other similar issues with Mr. Reigel,  
42 City employees had been discouraged from doing business with him. She suggested Bob  
43 Titus be told not to use his services. Discussion followed regarding whether or not Mr.  
44 Reigel is properly licensed to work on and install radio equipment. Mayor Wolf said he  
45 would tell Bob to no longer deal with Reigel.

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1 Accounts Payable: MSP: To pay the June bills, Marvin Casebeer/Roger McKinley.

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3 7:15 Other Business: Mayor Wolf said Scott Nebeker of Anderson Perry had contacted  
4 the City regarding a request by Bob Titus to have Gary Limbaugh review the sewer line  
5 video tapes and provide a summary. He said the cost to do so is estimated at \$3,000 to  
6 \$4,000 and suggested it would be a good (winter) project for Bob. It was generally  
7 agreed by the Council that the task could be handled internally.

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9 Mayor Wolf said Gary Limbaugh of Anderson Perry and the sub-contractor providing the  
10 telemetry system were to be in town Friday and Saturday. He said he would try to  
11 schedule a meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday and encouraged interested Council members to  
12 attend. He also said all public works employees should be there as well.

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14 7:25 p.m. Mayor Wolf asked Joe Hitz about his progress on the well sites. He said he  
15 had nothing new to report because he had been working on the street project. He said he  
16 needed some answers from Bob and had brought some information for Roger McKinley  
17 to review. Mayor Wolf said to get more than just Bob's approval on some of the issues.  
18 He reminded Joe that a decision needs to be made soon on the second well site.

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20 7:30 p.m. There being no further input on the 2002-2003 budget, Mayor Wolf closed the  
21 public hearing.

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23 7:30 p.m. MSP: To adjourn the meeting, Roger McKinley/Karen Jacobs.

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26 Respectfully submitted:

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Diane Clingman, City Recorder

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Approved this Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leonard Wolf, Mayor