

WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS  
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in a Work Session on Monday, September 21, 2009, at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building to go over the proposed City Budget for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2009 to Sept. 30, 2010 for all funds. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carolyn Schutte.

Roll Call of Members: Present: Mayor Schutte, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Buckman, Councilmen Fousek, Nelson and Parker.

Absent: None

Present Representing the City: City Manager David Haugland  
Steve Marriott, Administrative Services  
Director  
Kent Cantrell, Fire Chief  
Chad Birdsong, Public Works Director  
Tom Wall, Director of Public Utilities  
Devery Hunt, Public Works Administrative  
Assistant

BUDGET COMMENTS: (Tape A1-1249)

Steve Marriott informed the Council that he did not have a prepared commentary for this meeting and invited members of the Council to bring up any items they wished to discuss regarding the budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman stated that people have informed him that our Golf Course has some of the finest equipment of any golf course around. Buckman suggested that the City visit golf courses in Richmond, Lawson, etc. and see their equipment. He is wondering if we are paying out too much for equipment and manpower. Buckman later stated that he is volunteering to check this out himself.

Councilman Nelson stated that the quality of the Golf Course equipment is good. There is no need to pay people to mow and have the equipment broken down. The quality of equipment is never a bad idea. He further stated that Staley Farms Golf Course has gone bankrupt.

Mayor Schutte asked if the Golf Course restaurant is tracked separately. Steve Marriott advised that the restaurant is doing ok. Mayor Schutte also suggested that the City have ongoing reports from the Golf Course throughout the fiscal year, before the next budget.

Councilman Fousek stated that Fire and Emergency Medical were stacked top-heavy on Staff.

Mayor Schutte stated the City does provide good services. We should review all funds during the year. Also noted that no raises were being given this year.

City Manager Haugland stated that the City hopes things will turn around soon. Members of the staff have been good to cut expenditures.

Mayor Schutte stated she hopes code enforcement will not be cut back on their programs. Marriott informed her that when code enforcement employees have to appear in court, they are encouraged to take time off during the week so overtime will not have to be paid.

Buckman stated that some planes at the Airport have not paid their hanger rent. The City Manager advised that letters have already been sent out.

Councilman Parker stated that the biggest revenues for the Golf Course are the tournaments.

Councilman Fousek stated the Airport used to have fly-in weekends where people would fly in and play a round of golf. He also stated that there will be a state inspection sometime this month at the Airport.

Councilman Nelson stated that the budget process went very well this year. He would like to see Clay County Senior Services used a little more in our area.

Councilman Fousek stated the budget went very well. It is too bad employees will not get raises. He reminded everyone that if employees get no raises, members of the staff shouldn't either. He was advised that no city employee will receive a raise this year.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte adjourned the Budget Work Session at 5:47 PM.

ATTEST:

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CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

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FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK

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