

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LEFLORE
CITY OF GREENWOOD**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A BUDGET HEARING OF THE GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL was held this Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Greenwood City Hall, it being the time and place for holding said meeting.

There were present at this meeting: Mayor Carolyn McAdams, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Andrew Powell, David Jordan, Carl Palmer, Nick Joseph, Jr., City Clerk and Cinderella Morris, Council Clerk. Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., being absent.

Also present were: Fire Chief Marcus Banks and Public Works Director Susan Bailey.

The purpose of the meeting today is a work session for the Council and Mayor to discuss the FY2017 budget.

Mayor McAdams asked Susan Bailey to speak at this time regarding solid waste plans. Susan Bailey explained the amount of revenue the city would generate from Commercial Dumpsters Plan A and Plan B. She said the city is current collecting 32,513.89 for commercial dumpster fees. She said Plan A would generate \$38,438.67 in revenues, an increase of \$5,924.78 and that Plan B would generate \$45,175.00 in revenues, an increase of \$12,661.11. She said the city has eighty seven customers, residential and commercial, that have more than one can. She said charging \$5.00 per can would increase revenues by \$435.00 per month or \$5,220.00 for a twelve month period.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. entered the meeting at this time.

Mayor McAdams advised Council that Commercial Dumpster Plan A was not going to help with the deficit. She suggested the city taking an additional year on the lease payment on the garbage and trash trucks and not going to a five year lease. Mayor McAdams and Susan Bailey recommended Commercial Dumpster Plan B and a four year lease payment on the garbage and trash trucks. Council agreed. Susan Bailey asked Mayor McAdams when the fees will start. Mayor McAdams said the fees will start October 1, 2016.

Mayor McAdams advised Council that she would like to increase Eddie Curry's salary to bring him in line with Susan Bailey's salary. She said the increase will be \$2,079.00 annually. Council discussed this further and agreed to increase Curry's salary.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked Mayor McAdams if the city has someone trained in case Curry decides to leaves. Mayor and Council discussed this further.

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer to raise Eddie Curry's salary by \$2,079.00 annually. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

Mayor McAdams advised Council that an across the board raise of 3% would cost the city \$250,000.00 per year. She said increasing the compensation plan rate from 3% to 6% will cost the city \$125,000.00 annually. She said the city has an average of nine to ten employees per month that will be eligible for raises under the compensation plan.

Mayor McAdams said she would like to increase police and fire salaries to be in line with Winona. She said because of the city's compensation plan increasing the entry level pay would cause all the ranks to be increased. She said increasing all fire and police salaries would cost the city \$500,000.00.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson suggested that Council balance the budget as is since the city already is using revenues to balance the budget. He suggested a cross the board raises of 4% for policemen and firemen and 3% for all other employees. He said there were two things he would like to do, the first give raises, second do infrastructure.

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Fire Chief Marcus Banks addressed the Council on behalf of his department. He said salaries are worse than he thought. He said the city cannot compete with counties and cities so close to Greenwood. He said he lost a firefighter recently because of salary. He said he would be nothing without his firefighters.

Mayor McAdams suggested that taxes be raised every three years. Council President Stevenson recommended that taxes be raised next year.

Nick Joseph reminded Council that the public hearing is set for Tuesday August 30, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. He said the following Tuesday, September 6, 2016 they will adopt the 2016-2017 budget.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THIS MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED**

RONNIE STEVENSON, PRESIDENT

JOHNNY JENNINGS, VICE PRESIDENT

LISA COOKSTON

CHARLES E. MCCOY, SR.

ANDREW POWELL

DAVID JORDAN

CARL PALMER

CERTIFIED BY:

**NICK JOSEPH, JR.,
CITY CLERK**