

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
August 20, 2012**

6:00 PM – Public Hearing

A. FY 13 Proposed Budget

Jennifer Kelley presented a PowerPoint for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budget for the City of Payette.

Stan Clements—9948 Ash Lane—Payette Idaho

Clements stated that he is on the Public Works Committee and the committee has looked at the budget carefully. It was researched in the Public Works budget if sewer plants in other cities our size has the same equipment that we need to purchase, and we found that they have the same equipment, so I guess we need it too. Clements stated that the 5% raise for all City Employees which is proposed he doesn't feel that it is the right time in his opinion; the City's revenue isn't coming in to support it.

Gary Cox—2105 Shelley Drive—Payette Idaho

Cox stated that he had a little bit of concern about the employee compensation, he was wondering if it is in line with other things that he sees in the information he has collected. Cox stated that he had been trying to find out what other cities have for raises, and stated that he had found that Emmett, Parma, Wilder and Homedale have no raises. Weiser has a 3% raise which is the first time in 3 to 4 years. The military is getting a 1.7% raise this year.

Don Young—12180 Hill Road—Payette, Idaho

Young stated that he is representing the swimming pool. Young stated that he swims at the pool almost every day. Young stated that he knows that he doesn't live in the City, but he does pay the extra money it takes, which is \$340 per year, for a pass. Young stated that he suggests that the City should increase the pool's fees; he recalls that we needed to raise money two years ago for the pool and we are in the same boat now. Young stated that we have the new fire station and the new library expansion, it seems like everything is going in that direction. Young stated that the swimming pool has been here since he was a kid and had the help of volunteers who paid for it. Young stated that he thinks the City should spruce the pool up a little bit so people might come to use the pool. Young suggested that we could do contests to bring people in; we don't want to lose our swimming pool because kids and senior citizens love it. Young stated that some of us really need the swimming pool to keep old bones from falling apart. Young stated that he thinks that the City needs to cut down on some things; City Hall should be able to move into the new fire station, there seems to be a lot of room there. Young stated that he would like to keep the pool open so that everyone can enjoy it.

Carl Hunter—1106 2nd Ave South—Payette, Idaho

Hunter stated that he picked up the budget from City Hall this morning and didn't see the same answers on this page as he saw on the presentation today. Hunter stated that he was at a previous meeting regarding the closing of the swimming pool and the library slowing down taking money that public tax payers pay to continue to have these things in our town. Hunter stated that what he didn't see the other night when attending a budget meeting is someone sticking up for the independent citizens of Payette, in his opinion. Hunter stated he spoke to a man and talked about the swimming pool, stating that the swimming pool has never paid its way since it has been here. Hunter stated that he thinks the swimming pool is one of the more important assets in this City. Hunter stated that he doesn't know the prices the City charges for use of the swimming pool, but he does know that he has been in the farming business for 60 years. Hunter stated that he knows what he has to do if his income is less than his out-go. Hunter stated with the swimming pool the City might consider dropping the prices a little bit, and put on some programs that kids will be more likely to

come to. You only need to create a 2-5 participants to make up the difference, and maybe that might be the way to do it. We need to get participants there at the swimming pool and the library which would change the outcome for those facilities. When it comes to the 5% increase for City Employees, I think we are putting our neck out too far. Hunter stated that his Social Security increased 3% for the first time in three years. Hunter stated that the City is working for us as individuals, and we need the support from all of these people to help us all manage through a bad year. Hunter stated that yes, the City workers won't be able to buy a new toy or do the things that they would like to do. Hunter stated that he suggests that the City should cut parts of the budget and to be on an even field. Young stated we need the City Council to represent the overall interest of Payette's citizens.

Mayor Williams stated to please keep comments no more than 5 minutes long so we can hear from everyone who wishes to speak.

Jamie Goff—1121 North 5th Street—Payette, Idaho

Goff stated that she is representing the Payette Senior Citizens Center in regards to the swimming pool closing for three months. Goff stated that we would like to work hand in hand between the City and the Payette Senior Citizens to create more income for the pool which would also keep the Senior Citizens involved in our community.

Keith Thompson—75 North Iowa Avenue—Payette, Idaho

Thompson stated that he thought we had elected all of the City Council to take care of this, and they aren't doing it. Thompson stated that your pool is as important as your airport, and you almost gave that one away too. Thompson stated that he doesn't know what to tell you, the checks and the balances do not work. Everyone is telling the Council the same thing; times are tough, everyone has the same problem, take care of it.

Rick Greif—2085 Shelley Drive—Payette, Idaho

Greif stated that he is on the Administration and Finance Committee. Greif stated that he is speaking personally for himself and his wife; he has racked his brain on the budget and has gone to the administration and finance committee meetings. Greif stated that he has made a couple phone calls for retention, we have a great game going, and benefits are good. The schools had a 1.7% increase for salaries, as did the Military. Greif stated that if we don't give the raise, I doubt that the City employees will walk away from their jobs. Greif stated that every time he has to pay rent on the sandwich shop, it hurts his pocket book; the City works their hinds off, as does everyone else in this room. Greif stated that he would like to see a raise for the City employees, but doesn't think that the City needs one at this time nor does he think that there will be a mass City employee exit if the City doesn't give out raises. Greif stated that the 5% raise that is proposed is a little high in his opinion and would like to see the 1.7% given the Schools and Military will be receiving instead. Greif stated that the swimming pool is something that he knows costs a lot of money, if he were a swimmer and wanted to continue to swimming, he would pay more to swim.

Carolyn Kniefel—2375 Center Avenue—Payette, Idaho

Kniefel stated she was present to discuss the pool closure. Kniefel stated that every time the pool is not available that she and her friends go to Ontario, Oregon to use their pool facility. Kniefel stated that if the pool is closed for 3 months, many of us will go to Ontario, not only for the pool, but for other businesses as well.

Bob Kniefel—2375 Center Avenue—Payette, Idaho

Kniefel stated that if you go to the corner of Iowa and Center Avenue, then go east 100 feet, there is a road which is narrow and poorly kept; the road is two lanes, but with the 100 feet it has, it can only be used for one lane of traffic. Kniefel stated that it has been this way forever and it bothers him a little bit that this road is traveled so heavily with vehicles, and with school kids walking up and down this road makes it dangerous.

Kniefel stated that he would like to see the City Council put this issue into a budget sometime down the road.

Candy Inloes—10482 Virginia Lane—Payette, Idaho

Inloes stated that she understands that the pool revenue isn't anywhere near making up for the pool closing, but when we are looking at the quality of life for our seniors and yet the City employees are getting a 5% raise, there is a problem. Inloes stated that she had a shoulder injury which was caused by driving and it had gotten to the point that she couldn't raise her arm. Inloes stated that all thanks to the pool, she is now capable of having this physical therapy. Inloes stated that it's not a winning situation, but the quality of life is very relevant here, and would like to have the City Council all consider this when they vote for the pool closure. Inloes stated that she doesn't think this reflects well on the City or the Council to give raises to employees when you take services away from the citizens.

Francee Wassard—10386 Virginia Lane—Payette, Idaho

Wassard stated that one of the prime reasons she moved to the City of Payette was because there was a swimming pool. Wassard stated that the community she had come from had a number of assets; the Payette Pool is one of our best assets here in the City as well as the Airport, Library, Fire Station and others. Wassard asked to please not get rid of the pool or alter its use in any way. Wassard stated that anyone who is moving into the City will look at the assets that you have. Wassard stated that she has noticed a lot of rentals which means that everyone is struggling right now. Wassard stated that she understands the issue of giving raises because she has been on both sides of this issue working for a City in years past. Wassard stated that she would be more than willing to volunteer in order to keep the pool from closing.

Jennifer Hathaway—643 South 12th Street #101—Payette, Idaho

Hathaway stated that she understands the 5% raise for the City employees, but she doesn't feel that it is very fair to give raises to 42 City employees while closing the pool to thousands of citizens. Hathaway stated that the pool is a community place where we can enjoy ourselves as a family; and we don't think you should close the pool. Hathaway stated, "No raises for you guys, we all would like raises, but you have to stick up for us too."

Lynn Reagan—2084 Newman Lane—Payette, Idaho

Reagan stated that she has spent 22 years working for a municipality and 15 years doing budget work for them. Reagan stated that it's not like we feel the City employees don't deserve a raise, but a 5% raise is ridiculous in a time like this. Reagan stated that she thinks with a little work we can come up with more ideas to raise money for the pool; the pool could raise their rates, the pool could close on the weekends, or cut the hours back on City Hall, we have a small town, do we really need to have City Hall open 40 hours a week. Reagan stated that she doesn't think that this is the right time for the City employees to have a raise.

Mayor Williams asked to have Mary Cordova or Jennifer Kelley explain the \$300,000 carryover for the library project and the fire station project. Cordova stated that this carryover means that we are not completely and totally done with these projects and still have grant money available. Cordova stated we are going to try and use every bit of grant money that is available. Cordova stated that this does not come out of tax dollars; this is grant money that has been carried over from last year's budget.

Mayor Williams asked to have the moderator, Bert Osborn, recess the public hearing until the regular meeting is over.

Bert Osborn recessed the public hearing at 6:58 PM.

Regular Meeting—7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Williams in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Mark Heleker, Ivan Mussell, Jeff Sands, Lee Nelson, Craig Jensen, and Georgia Hanigan

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator; Bert Osborn, City Attorney; Jennifer Kelley, HR; Randy Schwartz, WWTP Supervisor; Rob Woyak, Water Supervisor; Tony Naillon, Water Department; Randy Fales, Park Supervisor; Dave Freeman, Police Detective; Dave Platt, Police Captain; Jack Hart, Police Sargent; Gary Marshall, Police Officer; Mark Korthals, Water Department; Jamie Couch, Street Supervisor; Colleen Bonnell, Head Librarian; Mark Clark, Police Chief, and Steve Castenada, Fire Chief;

PLEDGE

Ed Franek led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussell to approve the minutes of 08-06-2012 Regular Meeting and 08-13-2012 Special Meeting as written.

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Jensen to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$161,237.30.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Heleker, Nelson, Mussell, Hanigan, Sands, and Jensen

Nays:

The motion CARRIED

SPECIAL ORDERS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Certificate of Appreciation from American Legion

PLANNING & ZONING

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 1367- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAYETTE, IDAHO, DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE PROPERTY BE SOLD TO BENEFIT LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE—1ST Reading

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to introduce Ordinance #1367 by title only.

After a unanimous voice vote the motion
CARRIED

Mayor Williams stated that this is a house at 1012 2nd Avenue South that the City has purchased for one dollar. It's a government program that after a house has been on the market for so long that they sell it back to the community. The City has to justify to HUD that this is used for low to moderate income for housing. There has been a desire by Rose Advocates to use this as a transitional housing facility.

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Heleker to suspend the rules and pass ordinance #1367 on its first reading.

After a unanimous voice vote the motion
CARRIED

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Nelson that Ordinance #1367 do pass.

The motion CARRIED

- B. Special Events Permit- Cruise Night
Jim Boyer 340 South Main—Payette Idaho

Boyer stated that this is our 24th year doing the car show and we are here for some help to have our fees waived and to also ask for donation in the amount of \$500 for the event. Boyer stated that in times past there have been 2,500 people in attendance for the event. Councilor Heleker stated that we had a lot of discussions of lowering the amounts of fees that we have waived for the community; in this case we have only a few annual events that continue to come to the City of Payette which brings our community together, and this would be an exception to waiving the fees. Mayor Williams stated that this event raises money for all kinds of businesses. Councilor Mussell stated that he believes that this is a great event and will be fun for our community.

A motion was made by Mussell and seconded by Nelson to approve the Special Events Permit, to waive the fees, and to donate \$500 for A&W Cruise Night.

After a unanimous voice vote the motion
CARRIED

- C. Historical Commission Appointment
None heard

D. Introduction of Police Reserve Officers

Chief Clark presented the new Police Reserve Officers. Chief Clark stated that they have been working on the Police Reserve Program to bring it up to speed. Clark stated that Captain Platt has been working hard on bringing in these reserve officers. The reserve program provides a valuable resource to our community. Clark stated that these reserve officers hope to be full time officers one day. Clark stated that we don't pay them, they work free of charge for our community, and to stay active they must work at least 10 hours per month. Clark stated that we rely on them heavily, especially for the Apple Blossom Festival and for Cruise night that is coming up soon. Clark introduced the new reserve officers; Jason Higley, Rod Hemenway, Jerry Lopez, Chad Ford, and Chuck Howard. Mayor Williams gave the Oath of Office to swear in the reserve officers.

E. Library Project Pay Request #15

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Mussell to approve the Library Project Pay Request #15 in the amount of \$33,122.54.

At the roll call

Ayes: Heleker, Nelson, Mussell, Hanigan, Sands, and Jensen

Nays:

The motion CARRIED

F. Award of 8th Avenue North Sewer Replacement Project- Warrington Construction

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Jensen to award the 8th Avenue North Sewer Replacement Project to Warrington Construction in the amount of \$52,358.00.

At the roll call

Ayes: Heleker, Nelson, Mussell, Hanigan, Sands, Jensen

Nays:

The motion CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Parks & Rec Meeting- August 8th

Councilor Hanigan stated that on August 8th we talked about the pool budget, and had discussed everything that we could do to try and raise revenue for the pool. The parks had discussed putting in trees.

B. Play Day Meeting- August 8th

Jennifer Kelley stated on September 18th will be the second annual Play Day with the second graders. Kelley stated that this will continue our Play City USA thriving in the City of Payette again for this year. Kelley stated that Play Day will be held on September 18th, 2012 at 10 A.M. located in Kiwanis Park.

C. Airport Meeting- August 14th

Councilor Jensen stated that they will be installing a fog coat on the runway for this year's budget and the new overlay for the taxiway is scheduled for the year 2014.

D. Library Meeting

Councilor Sands stated that they tabled the meeting room policies. Sands stated that they had discussed the budget as well as hours for the library. Sands stated that he feels it will take volunteers to help keep these places open. Mayor Williams stated that he feels like it's a good

thought to have something like the police department does with their reserve program, to be implemented for the library and the pool. Colleen Bonnell stated that the 'Friends of the Library' are having their annual fundraiser in October and the tickets are available over at the library.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Williams stated that this is not a meeting where we make a decision on the public hearing.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Greg Kelley—2093 Shelley Drive— Payette, Idaho

Kelley stated that he feels it would be a good idea to have the County pay a portion for the pool facility. Kelley stated that County users have a shared expense from other cities on use of the pool.

Public Hearing reconvened at 7:31 PM

William Higley—720 River Street—Payette, Idaho

Higley stated that he had talked to one of our council persons and discussed how it would be nice to have a trucking company come to Payette.

Bert Osborn passed around written letters from citizens regarding the budget:

Ray and Sherry Kalthoff

Vickey McClure

Sherry Kendall—343 North Main Street—Payette, Idaho

Kendall stated that she feels that the City Council is pretty aware of what the community wants. Kendall stated that the Council is representing the Citizens and there are people out there struggling. Kendall stated that as a City Council that represents us, she feels the public will pay attention to what decision the Council makes for employee raises. Mayor Williams asked Sherry what her opinion is on the raises; Kendall stated that she doesn't know anyone in the private sector that has taken any cuts. Kendall stated that the City Council talks about closing the pool, but I feel that you should not cut services and to not keep making citizens pay more for these things and to fit in a raise if there was money for it. Kendall stated that if there isn't enough money, then you don't give raises. Kendall stated that she feels that the City Council will be giving the wrong message to the citizens of Payette if you do follow through on that raise.

Mark Clark—Payette Police Police Chief

Chief Clark stated that he does know that his employees work hard, if he could do it, he would give them all more than a 5% raise. Clark stated that he believes that they are all counting on the Council to make the right decision. The state of my department back at minimum wage will be competitive to others, my employees pay taxes just like everyone else does here. Clark stated that he doubts the 5% raise will allow his employees to be able to 'run out and buy a bunch of toys'. It isn't the new hires Clark is most determined for raises, it's the employees who have been here for 24 years, and the officers that have invested hundreds of hours of training. Clark stated that he has to practically get on his hands and knees to beg for his officers not to leave his department for higher pay. Clark stated that the police department can't do our jobs for free; there are 7,400 people in this community and they expect the City Council to make the right decision for these raises. Clark stated that he supports the 5% raise for his employees.

Jennifer Kelley—City of Payette Human Resources/ Deputy Treasurer

Jennifer stated that it has been mentioned a lot tonight that the pool is closing because of the raise in the budget for City employees. Sherry Kendall stated that for every 1% raise we are talking about 15,000 dollars; comparing to what the closing of the pool costs, don't these amounts cancel each other out. Kelley stated that if you look at the revenue projected by the pool next year there is \$57,000, for revenue expenses there is \$182,000. Kelley stated we have to take out \$67,000 of unencumbered funds for the pool budget just to balance the pool budget. Councilor Sands stated

that the Council is looking at this seriously, we look at these budget numbers and if it gets spent, then the pool will close. Kendall stated that she doesn't use the pool; she stated that it sends a bad message to the community if you give raises and close the pool.

Kelly Franek—835 North 9th Street—Payette, Idaho

Pool Manager Kelly Franek stated that she and Katrina Smith, Night Pool Manager, have been crunching numbers to see about staying open for 8 hours a day for the 4 months after October's normal closure. Franek stated that the heat costs are raising the prices, and have found that we can save \$25,000. Franek stated that she knows we aren't at the mark that we want to hit, but she would like to try doing fundraisers and to keep the pool open as much as possible. Franek stated that she agrees that it does not look good when you cut the library and pool hours yet give raises to all the City employees. Franek stated that she is trying to tell citizens that we have hit our max on tax payer dollar contribution. Franek stated that she doesn't want to see any City department cuts, and she doesn't want to see anyone walk away from their jobs, but she would like to have a chance to try and save the money by doing the fundraisers to make more revenue for the pool. Councilor Jensen stated from what he has heard tonight that you have a lot of people who support the pool and we have a lot of people who would be willing to raise money for the pool, and one thing that is really encouraged is to have the community involved to put together these fundraisers. Franek stated that she knows that the winter is tough and it is tight on budget, but maybe we could be open for 8 hours a day instead. Councilor Sands stated that he had read the emails that Franek had sent today and the projected cost for utilities is \$5,000. Franek stated that the pool's gas bill right now is about \$837, and by shutting down the furnace to 82 degrees and to let the solar panel do its job, would bring us savings to the pool.

Public Hearing closed by City Attorney, Bert Osborn, at 7:59 PM

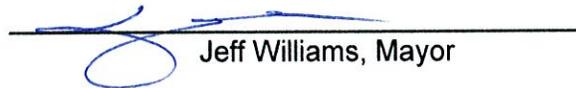
Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:59 PM

ADJOURNMENT

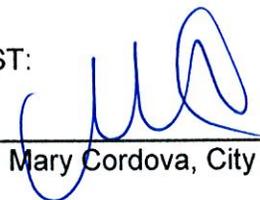
A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Nelson to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this 6 day of September, 2012.


Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Cordova, City Clerk

Vendor	Claim #	# of Lines	Date Accepted	Check	Amount
636 10-8 VIDEO	CL 6689	1	08/06/12	6967	1,495.00
445 A COMPANY INC, PORTABLE RESTROOMS	CL 6691	1	08/17/12		91.10
348 AIR FILTER SALES	CL 6692	1	08/17/12		283.60
75 ALBERTSON'S FOOD CENTER #168	CL 6693	6	08/17/12		379.73
296 ALLIED BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	CL 6695	2	08/17/12		579.52
6107 BDS	CL 6694	2	08/17/12		1,646.56
6093 CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	CL 6696	2	08/17/12		1,025.38
2850 CENTURYLINK	CL 6697	10	08/17/12		1,359.69
6130 DCS TECHNOLOGIES	CL 6703	2	08/17/12		465.56
750 DIG LINE, INC.	CL 6698	3	08/17/12		63.82
771 DRAPER'S OUTDOOR POWER EQUIP.	CL 6699	1	08/17/12		29.07
385 FASTENAL	CL 6700	1	08/17/12		98.21
891 FLEET SERVICES, HARRIS BANK	CL 6701	9	08/17/12		8,262.17
920 GALL'S INC.	CL 6704	2	08/17/12		53.64
1050 HACH CHEMICAL	CL 6705	1	08/17/12		191.30
1190 HOLLADAY ENGINEERING, INC.	CL 6706	5	08/17/12		8,882.35
1270 IDAHO ASPHALT SUPPLY	CL 6707	1	08/17/12		16,574.30
726 Idaho Volunteer Fire & Emergency Service	CL 6708	2	08/17/12		70.00
1410 INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISE	CL 6710	1	08/17/12		34.20
1412 INDUSTRIAL WORLD	CL 6709	1	08/17/12		325.00
	CL 6736	1	08/17/12		132.00
2870 INTERMOUNTAIN COMMUNITY BANK	CL 6733	22	08/17/12		5,680.19
1430 INTERMOUNTAIN GAS	CL 6711	7	08/17/12		1,262.98
1470 JERRY'S BUYWAY	CL 6712	1	08/17/12		17.97
1510 KAMAN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES	CL 6713	1	08/17/12		43.44
520 KINNEY BROS. & KEELE HARDWARE CO.	CL 6714	1	08/17/12		229.00
1805 MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	CL 6716	1	08/17/12		318.01
1800 METROQUIP, INC.	CL 6717	1	08/17/12		616.98
228 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	CL 6715	1	08/17/12		94.44
1970 ONTARIO BEARING & HYDRAULIC	CL 6718	1	08/17/12		19.34
127 ONTARIO FLOORS TO GO	CL 6702	2	08/17/12		465.00
1415 OREGON CORRECTIONS ENTERPRISES	CL 6719	1	08/17/12		88.00
2030 OSBORN, BERT L.	CL 6720	1	08/17/12		2,600.00
2250 PAYETTE TIRE CENTER	CL 6735	1	08/17/12		40.35
6119 PIPECO, INC.	CL 6721	1	08/17/12		276.25
6117 PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER	CL 6722	1	08/17/12		214.13
2396 RHINEHART, LARRY & KATHY	CL 6723	2	08/17/12		1,450.00
2430 SAV-ON BLDG	CL 6724	2	08/17/12		151.00
2540 STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	CL 6725	1	08/17/12		136.01
2650 SYME ELECTRIC	CL 6726	4	08/17/12		281.72
2670 T.A. WELDING	CL 6727	2	08/17/12		337.60
727 Treasure Valley Heating & Cooling	CL 6728	1	08/17/12		359.00
6143 VAL'S FLORAL	CL 6729	1	08/17/12		45.00
2849 VERIZON WIRELESS, BELLEVUE	CL 6730	8	08/17/12		681.00
2981 WESTERN FIRE AND SECURITY, INC	CL 6731	1	08/17/12		384.00
2986 WILBUR-ELLIS	CL 6732	1	08/17/12		805.00
CITY PAYROLL			08/10/12	WIRE	104,093.69

Total: 161,237.30