

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Work Session
August 26, 2013**

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Georgia Hanigan, Mark Heleker, Lee Nelson, Jeff Sands (via phone), Craig Jensen and Ivan Mussell.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator, Jennifer Kelley, HR, Steve Castenada, Fire Chief, Bobbie Black, Deputy City Clerk, Jamie Couch; Street Superintendent; Randy Schwartz, WWTP Superintendent, Mark Clark, Police Chief and Jake Hust, Water Superintendent

5:00 PM – Work Session

- A. FY2014 Budget: Mayor Williams stated the current levy that was passed is .011721977. Several member of the Council wanted to see it below .012 and some wanted it at .011, we are not quite there yet. We can go through some little tweaks and adjustments. The biggest thing is do we want to add the \$100,000 payment from the Urban Renewal. The phone system is down to \$15,000, saving \$10,000 there and the cross walk for 6th Avenue South that can be purchased this year saving \$19,000 in next year's budget. With all this the levy would be at .0111022. Only \$3,059 more would need to cut to beat .010999. The Mayor asked the Council what they would like to see done, take out of unencumbered, property tax or have staff work on it more. Councilor Nelson asked what the original plans was for the Urban Renewal money and the Mayor stated we originally took \$500,000 out of unencumbered fund and lent it to the Urban Renewal, which they gave to Seneca. We have been putting the payments back into unencumbered funds, but we could use this year as income and it would mean less tax dollars we have to use. Councilor Mussell is in favor of all these ideas and likes the .010999; he likes taking the phone system out of three departments and using the Urban Renewal money this year as income. Councilor Jensen stated he would like to have the levy rate the same as last year. He wants no increase of taxes to property owners. Our major deterrent is no growth. We have had a pattern of balancing the budget on the back of the taxpayers. Mayor Williams stated we are fairly close and next meeting a motion would need to be made to use the Urban Renewal money as income and a cut of these few things. Councilor Hanigan stated if staff can find another \$3,000 or \$4,000 without cutting services she would be fine with this. Councilor Heleker stated he doesn't want to use any more unencumbered funds. Councilor Sands stated he likes the idea of using the Urban Renewal money. Councilor Mussell stated he doesn't want to take more than the \$100,000 and thinks we can find the \$3,059 to cut. Mayor Williams stated that Councilor Jensen wants to have the levy rate lower he will have to lobby to get it lower. Councilor Heleker stated he didn't expect to have the rate lower than .012 and is amazed that it is down to .011.

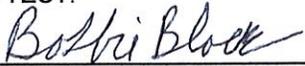
ADJOURNMENT

The Council unanimously adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Signed this 4th day of Sept, 2013.


Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bobbie Black, Dep. City Clerk