



City Commission Workshop Minutes July 13, 2015

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Ben Boukari, Jr.
Commissioner Gary Hardacre
Commissioner Robert Wilford
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown

City Manager Traci Cain
City Attorney Marian Rush

The City Commission will conduct a
City Commission Workshop
At 5:00 PM

to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: July 13, 2015

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers, City Hall

ATTENDING: Jack Anterio, Robert Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Glenn Bryan, Julie Bryan, Susanne Bullard, Roland Davis, Malcolm Dixon, Vince Dixon, Damon Messina, Diane Morgan, Denise Scott, Chad Scott, Melanie Anne Westmoreland, Daryl Whitworth, Cap Wilson, Kathy Winburn

WORKSHOP MEETING

Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Mayor Gib Coerper.

AGENDA ITEM

A. Utility Rates

Finance Director Marcian Brown introduced the item and Public Services Director Marcus Collins presented the staff report.

The commissioners engaged in discussion regarding utility rates and the process for rate changes. They asked that the presentation for public explanation should be illustrated in such a way that makes it very clear about how much of an estimated increase a customer will see on his or her monthly bills, including electricity in the total.

City Manager Traci Cain advised that the mandatory public notices, advising that a rate increase is being considered and including the dates and times for the rate increase hearings, have already been sent out. She said the materials for the public meetings will have the information as the commissioners have directed to clearly reflect the estimated increases customers may expect.

The commissioners engaged in discussion about the Florida Public Service Commission price index.

Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari reminded the commissioners that automatic adjustment according to the FPSC price index is in the ordinance, but it is reviewed annually because Florida statutes do not allow for rate increases without the hearings. He said that it could be made clear in the public presentations that the adjustments do not occur without the review process.

Public Services Director Collins was directed to find out for the Commission how many of the City utility customers use all of the utility services/types provided by the City.

B. General Budget Discussion

Finance Director Marcian Brown provided an overview of the remaining Budget Schedule including the hearings for rate increases. He said the TRIM notices will go out in mid-August and commissioners will vote on the rate increase in September. after hearings on the millage rate.

ADJOURN

Adjourned by Mayor Coerper.

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor