

Council Study Committee
February 18, 2014
Minutes

Members present: Greg Marchant, Eric Mathieu, John Parker Jr., Pam Pepper, Brad Ross, Greta Southall and Mayor Kelly Shaw.

Also present were: Chuck Burgin, Diana Bowlin, Doug Bylund, Dave Button, Chris DesPlanques, Eric Hanson, RoxAnne Hunerdosse, Joyce Godwin, Ed Yando and Mike Bowlin

The committee discussed the following regarding the 2014/15 Budget:

- The State forms
- Continue to move forward with the \$12.70 tax rate
- Possibly looking at a local option sales tax referendum and capital referendum - if the referendums would pass then possibly look at lowering the tax rate in future years
- How will the WPC plant be financed – look at local option sales tax referendum. The City will continue to spend money on the WPC Plant to keep it running until a new plant is built
- Need to take care of this current budget and the local option sale tax shouldn't be a part of this budget
- Committee members thoughts on what the tax rate should be:
 - John Parker Jr. - \$11.95
 - Eric Mathieu - \$12.70
 - Greg Marchant - \$12.70
 - Brad Ross - \$12.70
 - Greta Southall - \$12.70
 - Pam Pepper – still considering thoughts on a tax rate
- Once the debt starts to roll off then they need to look at lowering the tax rate and adjust accordingly depending on what expenses and revenues are at the time
- Voters will have the option to vote on a local option sales tax

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.