

MEBANE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MEBANE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAY 13, 2008-6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Tim Bradley Bob Hupman
 Ed Hooks Patty Philipps
 Everette Greene

Mayor Stephenson called the Special Meeting of the Mebane City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Mebane Municipal Building for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2008/2009 Budget.

City Manager Robert Wilson discussed the proposed 2008/2009 budget. He proposed a 4% salary increase for all full and part-time employees with no monies for consideration of merits at this time.

Mr. Wilson proposed that two new positions be added in the Inspections Department, one an inspector and the other a clerk.

Mr. Wilson explained to the Council that after further consideration, of facts and percentages presented to him by Fire Chief Bob Louis, he is now proposing that 3 new positions be added to the Fire Department Budget. Mr. Wilson stated that Chief Louis is requesting Council's consideration in adding 3 new positions, but not until January of 2009. Mr. Wilson recommended and Council agreed that 3 positions be added in January of 2009.

Mr. Wilson proposed a 4% increase in both Water rates and Sewer rates. Council discussed raising the Sanitation Users Fee by \$1.00, increasing the fee from \$5.50 per month to \$6.50 per month.

Councilmember Bradley discussed the Police Department's needs for new vehicles. Mr. Wilson stated Police Chief Terry Caldwell had initially requested 4 new vehicles. Mr. Wilson stated that he had removed 2 new police vehicles from the proposed budget, leaving only 2 to be purchased. The Council discussed leaving all 4 vehicles within the Police Department Budget.

Council discussed other Department's needs for new vehicles. Council agreed that 1 vehicle be purchased for the Street Department and 1 vehicle be purchased for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

City Engineer Darrell Russell discussed the new proposed water rate structure. Mr. Russell recommended that the City change from the current declining rate structure, which results in lower water rates for increased water consumption, to a uniform rate structure. A uniform rate structure will charge a flat rate per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Russell

also recommended a change in minimum usage from 3,000 gallons to 2,000 gallons. After considerable discussion, Staff and Council agreed that the 4% increase in Water rates and Sewer rates, along with the new uniform rate structure, and a change in the minimum usage from 3,000 gallons to 2,000 gallons should become effective July 1, 2008.

Mr. Wilson also stated, as requested by Council, the City's Inspection Department will become computerized and the proposed budget reflects the expense for the necessary software. No formal action was taken.

It was stated that the Public Hearing date is June 2nd, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Glendel Stephenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk