

MEBANE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 17, 2010

Members Present: Patty Philipps Jill Auditori
 Ed Hooks Everette Greene
 Tim Bradley

Mayor Glendel Stephenson called the Special Meeting of the Mebane City Council to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Mebane Municipal Building for the purpose of a discussing the proposed 2010/2011 budget.

Robert Jennings, member of Destination Downtown, spoke concerning the inadequate parking for the downtown business district. He stated 3 private landowners are willing to designate their property as public parking, if the city would pay the cost to maintain those lots. He said adding those lots would give 40 additional parking spaces. Mr. Jennings also spoke to Council about installing the downtown lighting utilities underground.

Ron Oakley, representative from the Mebane Historical Museum, submitted the museum's budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He thanked the Council for monies given last year but stated in order to continue the same level of service they are providing currently they need more money.

City Manager Robert Wilson gave an overview of the 2010/2011 proposed budget. He recommended a 4% merit increase for employees based on job performance. He did not recommend a cost of living increase. He proposed no tax rate increase. The Council asked questions and stated concerns allowing Mr. Wilson to address those individually.

Police Chief Terry Caldwell gave a power point presentation of the Police Department's needs for the upcoming year and for the next 3-5 years. He stated the need for 4 additional employees in this year's budget and adding 2 more for the next year. Chief Caldwell addressed all questions from Council relating to personnel, vehicle and equipment needs.

Fire Chief Bob Louis discussed the Fire Department's needs for the upcoming year and he also presented a 3-5 year plan. He proposed a new fire department on the south side of the city. He also stated the need for additional personnel. Lieutenant Greg Massey gave an overview of the Staffing Assessment. Chief Louis addressed all questions from the Council.

Public Works Director Jimmy Jobe presented the public works budget. He also presented a 3-5 year plan which included primarily equipment needs. Mr. Jobe answered questions from Council.

Parks and Recreation Director Dean Ray and Arts & Community Center Director Amy Pendergraph discussed needs for their departments for the upcoming year and the next 3-5 years.

City Engineer Darrell Russell gave a power point presentation on the City of Mebane's Water and Sewer. He gave a summary of needs starting with upgrades at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, upgrades for the Forest Ridge Pump Station and infiltration and inflow repairs. Mr. Russell stated based on preliminary reviews of rates, it is proposed that water and sewer rates be increased by 7% per year for the next 3 years.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Director Dennis Hodge spoke concerning his department's budget.

City Manager Robert Wilson stated within the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan expenditures are expected to total approximately \$22,859,370.

It was stated that the Public Hearing date to adopt the 2010/2011 City of Mebane Budget Ordinance will be June 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

No formal action was taken. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Glendel Stephenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk