

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP  
OF THE  
MANNING CITY COUNCIL**

**Thursday, June 1, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers  
Manning City Hall**

**Members Present:**

Mayor Nelson  
Mayor Pro-tem Pack  
Councilmember Dukes  
Councilmember Georgia  
Councilmember Gordon  
Councilmember Welle

**Members Absent:**

**E= Excused; U= Unexcused**  
Councilmember Davis – E

- I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks:** Mayor Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

No one from the media were in attendance.

- II. Invocation:** Councilmember Dukes.

- III. Pledge:** Councilmember Gordon.

- IV. Discussion of ‘FY 2017-2018 General Fund and Utility Fund Budget**

Mr. Tanner stated that there were no significant changes since the last budget meeting.  
Mr. Tanner stated that he would like to talk to Council about the possibility of a hospitality tax.

Highlights of the 2017-2108 Budget:

**Expenses**

- Mandated expenditure increases- 2% increase in Employer retirement funding this year and 1% the next 2 years.
- Insurance premium an increase of about 3%
- Local Government fund- to remain at current levels.
- Notification of our Millage cap for the year is 1.34%. Next year, you may increase the millage.
- COLA- an increase of 2% for employees
- We have purchased the two buildings next to City Hall for expansion and have closed on the other building as approved by Council.

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- Increase in operational cost for the WWTP.

Additional Expenses:

- Purchase of 6 Police Cars through a \$100,000 USDA Grant/match- purchase 3 cars at a time.
- Purchase of Walkie Talkie Upgrades (next 2 years) \$70,000 for the Police Department- one half purchased this year. The other half purchased next year.
- Purchase of Pagers- Upgrade -(\$4,500) and a generator (\$4,500) and a new vehicle for the Fire Chief.
- Update of the city's website; upcoming Election in 2018; developing a Code Red; Scholarship fund to Francis Marion University.

**Revenue:**

- Increase in Sanitation rates- Commercial Customers only:  
\$1.50 for commercial roll carts/ \$5.00 for dumpsters.  
Street Department- looking at several options for debris pick up
- Increase in Water and Sewer Rates:

A 2% increase on water and sewer (translates to a \$1.00 increase in the Base bill for inside residential; \$1.45 increase on base bill for outside residential.

After discussion, the consensus of Council was to have an increase of \$1.75 on base bill for outside residential.

- Hospitality Tax- Mr. Tanner stated the city can only put on \$.01 on the hospitality tax to general \$110,000 to \$115,000 in revenue. The tax would be \$.10 on the dollar for prepared food and beverages as opposed to the current tax of \$.09. Mr. Tanner explained to Council what could be done with the hospitality tax.

Our proposed budget is \$8,059,000. Mr. Tanner asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**V. Executive Session:**

**1) Administration Department...Discussion of a personnel matter concerning salaries.**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Welle and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pack to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter concerning salaries. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Time: 6:40 pm

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Welle and was seconded by Councilmember Dukes to return to Open Session. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Time: 7:09

**VI. Possible Action following Executive Session for item discussed in Executive Session.**

No action was taken following Executive Session.

**VI. Adjournment:**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Georgia and was seconded by Councilmember Welle to adjourn. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

**Time: 7:09 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Daun Davis  
Administrative Services Coordinator/Clerk