

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2011 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jay Thomason, Celia Tuttle, Rose Ann Woods, Erick Chapman, Berry Woods, Jr., Matthew King and Mayor Gary Long

STAFF PRESENT: Eddie Case, Sandra Woods, Attorney David Holmes, Roger Case, Van Broad, Gwen Britt, Dale Watson, Cathi Avery, Mike Pitman, HR Steve Ivester, Michael Hamilton

VISITORS: 13

PUBLIC HEARING – 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Long called the public hearing to order.

Mayor Long asked the public for comments on the proposed 2012 budget. There being no response Mayor Long adjourned the public hearing.

REGULAR MEETING

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Councilwoman Rose Ann Woods

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cub Scout Troop led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cub Masters, Robert Freeman and Brandon Freeman
Hayden Bolt
Chase Carter
Tristan Willis
Easton Key
Jack McDannald

CITIZEN COMMENT: Reverend Steven Lomax
Reverend Lomax requested support for his redevelopment program to help the young people in our area.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: reports were given by department heads and on file with the city clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval 10/11/11 and 10/13/11 Council minutes
Approval of October 2011 budget report

MOTION BY Erick Chapman, 2nd by Rose Ann Woods. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

OLD BUSINESS

2012 Proposed Budget, 2nd Reading

No Discussion

Motion by the Administrative Committee, 2nd by Mayor Long. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Budget Amendment, 1st Reading

Sandra Woods explained the budget amendment consists of one appropriation that was made during the year in the gas department and grants that were received and expensed during the year.

MOTION BY Jay Thomason, 2nd by Erick Chapman to approve the 2011 budget amendment on first reading. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Investments

Eddie Case advised Council that we invested some of our city and gas funds with Palmetto Investments about a year ago. Due to the low interest rates, and because we have to collateralize public funds, we are not earning enough interest to offset their fees. We have met with Tripp Tuttle and Tracy Porterfield and they agree that it would be in the best interest of the city to move those funds to another institution or the Local Government Pool.

Funding Request

Eddie Case explained that cash flow is always low this time of year. We expect our tax revenue to pick up in the next month or so, but need to borrow \$200,000 from the gas department until those revenues come in. The money will be paid back before the end of the year or the first of 2012.

MOTION BY Erick Chapman, 2nd by Rose Ann Woods to approve the transfer. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Resolution – Multi Hazard Mitigation

Mayor Long explained this is a plan to follow if a hazardous event occurs. This also helps us if we apply for FEMA Grants.

MOTION BY Matthew King, 2nd Jay Thomason. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Recognition

Mayor Long recognized Celia Tuttle for her dedicated service on Council the past four years.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel matter, Legal briefing, Contract matter

MOTION BY Celia Tuttle, 2nd by Matthew King to meet in executive session. Roger Case and Sandra Woods were asked to remain in chambers. The motion carried unanimously.

Back in session.

Mayor Long explained no votes were taken while in executive session.

MOTION BY Matthew King, 2nd by Jay Thomason to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra H. Woods
City Clerk and Treasurer