

City of Live Oak  
City Council Budget Workshop  
August 13, 2019

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The Live Oak City Council met for a Budget Workshop, Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 101 S.E. White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064. The following officials were present: Mayor Frank C. Davis, Councilmember Marcus Stewart, Councilmember Bennie L. Thomas, Councilmember Robintina Reed, Councilmember David Burch, Attorney Fred Koberlein, City Manager Ron Williams, and Deputy City Clerk Michelle Deas. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Don Allen

Council President Stewart called the meeting to order.

The floor was then opened for public comment.

The following individuals addressed council:

Mr. Dick Calvitt spoke regarding the proposed budget and getting copies of it.

Mr. Bruce Tillman spoke regarding the signage entering into the City and requested budgeting for new signage.

Council President Stewart began by asking council if any member had any items to discuss regarding the budget.

Hearing none, Council President Stewart started with questions regarding the upcoming budget to include Capital purchases and if the City would be purchasing any this upcoming year. Mr. Ron Williams, City Manager stated that they have a few Capital Purchases that would be budgeted for but they would have to go thru the list and see where the greater need is.

Council President Stewart then inquired regarding any utility rate increases. Mr. Williams stated that as far as Water, Gas and Garbage there would not be any increase at this time, but that the City is working with Florida Rural Water on Sewer rates.

Council President Stewart then asked about salary increases, Mr. Williams stated he would like to give the employees an increase similar to the one last year but that Finance Director, Joann Luther has informed him that there is no room in the budget for any increases.

Council President Stewart moved on to his next question concerning the sewer rehab fund. He would like for the fund to be used for replacing and maintaining the sewer lines and not repaying the loan as it has been used for in the past. Mr. Williams stated that this fund was set up before he came on board with the City and that as long as he has been here the fund has been used for the loan.

The next item to be discussed was street repairs, Council President Stewart would like to see streets in the City repaired and not just patched. Mr. Williams stated that the City has ideas in the making Street repairs and they are working on this daily.

The next Budget Workshop will be Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> before the Regular CRA meeting.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Councilmember Marcus Stewart  
City Council President

Attest:  
Mr. John Gill  
City Clerk