

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in work session at 6:00 p.m. and special session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 2nd day of September 2008 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Roy Savage	Mayor Pro Tem
Chris Brown	Council Members
Jeff Cason	
Ray Champney	
Roy Turner	

Constituting a quorum.

Lori Nail was absent at tonight's meeting.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
Bill Cooper	Deputy Director of Information Services
David Flory	Police Chief
Shanae Jennings	City Secretary
Steve Johnson	Deputy City Manager
John Kubala	Director of Public Works
Jill McAdams	Human Resources Director
Maria Redburn	Library Manager
Tom Ross	Administrative Services Director
Bill Syblon	Development Director
James Tindell	Fire Chief

WORK SESSION

Mayor Story called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Discuss any questions regarding the FY 2008/09 budget. ***Item requested by Mayor Story**

Mayor Story requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. He indicated he wanted to ensure that everyone was on the same page as much as possible prior to the passage of the budget. City Manager Beverly Queen provided a "cheat sheet" of supplemental requests at the request of the Mayor and indicated that the General Fund Reserve is approximately \$6 million and there is about \$ 2.1 million in surplus.

Questions revolved around the following:

- Citywide citizen satisfaction or climate survey and whether or not it was necessary.

- Fire proof cabinets and whether we really need them.
- Front line vehicle change for police patrol.
- Surplus - How much needs to be kept in surplus and what should be spent.
- The GPS system in public services and the necessity for it. Staff indicated that as a result of GPS tracking systems there is a reduction in idle time, mileage and auto wear and tear. While there is an up front cost, there is a long-term savings on fuel, wear and tear on vehicles and idle time.
- The need for a full time GIS Technician. Staff indicated that while a part time person gets the immediate and urgent requirements fulfilled, seldom do the day-to-day functions get taken care of that could with a full time GIS tech. Even with immediate needs being taken care of, staff still holds up processes such as alcohol and beverage permits, which does not help contribute to being the most businesses friendly environment, which is the goal.
- It was questioned as to whether or not the Trinity Railway Express should be funded. At this time staff will bring back alternative options for transportation services.

Mayor Story recessed the work session at approximately 7:10 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Special session began at 7:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Second public hearing to consider the proposed 2008 tax rate.

Tom Ross, Director of Administrative Services, presented information pertaining to the proposed 2008 tax rate and indicated this item is to hold a second public hearing to receive citizen comment and input on the proposed 2008 tax rate.

Mayor Story opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

No one elected to speak at tonight's public hearing.

Mayor Story closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

No other action is required on this item tonight.

2. Discuss the purchase of a new fire truck and ambulance, as recommended by the Fire Chief. Purchases to come from current non-appropriated surplus funds. *Item requested by Councilman Cason**

Councilman Cason requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Mr. Cason requested consensus from the council that the fire truck and ambulance be funded. It was also discussed that these potentially be funded out of the vehicle replacement fund or surplus, either being an option.

There was consensus among Council pertaining to these items.

3. Discuss possible inclusions/exclusions and/or postponement of certain proposed budget items. *Item requested by Councilman Cason**

Councilman Cason requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Mr. Cason indicated that most of his issues, concerns or questions were addressed during the work session.

The Mayor summarized tonight's work session and discussion as follows:

- There are some questions as to the desire to do the citywide survey.
- All questions were answered regarding the front line vehicle change.
- Council will vote on the GPS system.
- There appears to be consensus on the GIS technician to move forward with this position.
- Trinity Railway Express will require a vote. Staff will follow up on additional options for transportation services.
- There was consensus to move forward with purchasing the ambulance and fire truck.
- Staff will be looking to federal funds from Congressman Marchant's Office for portable radios.

Council elected not to reconvene back into work session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary