

**1. Call To Order**

The Budget Study Session of the Biggs City Council was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Frith. Vice Mayor Crawford and Councilor Thompson were present. Councilor Arnold entered the meeting at 6:16 pm. Councilor Bottorff was absent. Staff present: City Administrator Pete Carr and City Clerk / Finance Director Deanna Carbajal.

**2. SPECIAL MEETING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: None**

**3. BUDGET STUDY SESSION:**

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Draft Budget and Options

City Administrator Pete Carr introduced the review of fiscal year 2008-09 actual and projected budget results, and presented to the Council a first draft fiscal year 2009-10 budget. He stated there are significant issues and this is not a normal draft budget.

Councilor Crawford asked that amounts be shown as to “committed” and “un-committed” and Pete stated they will be added under the word Unrestricted.

Council discussed fund revenues and expenses and asked questions of Fire Captain Todd Tindall, who was present in the audience.

Pete stated that SunWest Milling’s reduced electrical usage is impacting our current fiscal year, due to sale of our excess electricity into a low market for about half of the purchase cost. The draft budget assumes a zero rate increase.

Pete began a power point presentation which covered the grand total of all funds for FY 08-09. He explained our revenue decline and that current construction projects that will be reimbursed next fiscal year. He explained that the primary causes for our deficit are limited revenue from sales tax and property tax and the high cost of police and fire. He listed other services that the city has chosen to provide.

Council discussed prioritizing and modifying the way services are provided and the possibility of restructuring the city to change the community’s obligation for services. Options include begin a parcel tax, city dis-incorporate and become a Community Services District (CSD), or consider consolidation with Gridley.

Other options discussed to reduce costs included: cutting services by cutting or furloughing staff, suspend the General Plan Update; seek less expensive employee health insurance and/or increase the employee share of the premium; raise electric rates.

Mayor Frith stated he was not in favor of an electric rate increase and that the big question is if the city wants to remain a city.

Vice Mayor Crawford asked about having public works crew schedule changed to offset work hours and eliminate overtime and stand-by compensation.

Councilor Thompson expressed concern about the high cost of health insurance.

Vice Mayor Crawford and Councilor Arnold stated that are not in favor of the city dis-incorporating.


MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BIGGS  
BUDGET STUDY SESSION

June 3, 2009

Mayor Frith directed Pete to send an electronic copy of the draft budget to each councilor for their review and meet for another budget session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Budget Study Session adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Deanna Carbajal  
City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Roger L. Frith  
Mayor, City of Biggs