

The Board of Commissioners held a work session Monday, May 9, 2011, at 3:00 pm at the Littleton Sales building office. The purpose of the meeting was to work on the 2011-12 Budget. Commissioners present were, Patrick McAtee-MacRae, Clara Debnam, Terry Newsom, Heidi Hogan, and Jimmy Kearney. Commissioner Kearney arrived at 3:47 pm.

Mayor Willis called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

Mayor Willis asked Finance Officer Sheila Taylor to present her draft proposal for the expenditure side of the budget. The Board discussed how many officers were needed as opposed to how many the Town could afford, what other revenues may be possible including tax from phone cards and sales tax revenue from the airplane factory, and the necessity of balancing the budget. Also discussed was moving the police department to the other side of the existing Town Hall and working on the old building a little at a time.

Commissioner MacRae recommended reducing his Cemetery budget to \$5,500 as he proposed getting bids for doing the cemetery mowing, etc, 10 times a year; he already had one price of \$500.00 per visit. Mayor Willis recommended getting references.

The Board discussed keeping three police cars and disposing of the others, keeping the Durango, Charger and one other car.

In response to a question, Mayor Willis explained the attorney who had done the closing on the new Town Hall building would be the attorney for the Town Hall grant as Gilbert Chichester now longer handled real estate.

The Board discussed researching and adopting a cell tower ordinance.

Following Mayor Willis advising there was only so much that could be done on the budget until they had a better idea of revenues and had the bids in for the street contract, she stated the Board would meet for another work session Monday, May 16, at 1:00 pm.

Commissioner MacRae asked whether a list of materials for the Annie's Construction bill discussed at the regular session had been obtained and discussion followed. Mayor Willis advised asking Mr. Williamson for the list.

Commissioner Hogan showed a proposed mock up of a sign for the new library building and reminded Commissioners of the kickoff for the library fundraising on June 3rd at 4:00 pm.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to adjourn at 4:19 pm. The motion was voted and carried.

Clerk