



WORKSHOP

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Excerpt of Minutes regarding City Manager Memo Dated 04/11/2006 – Page 4, Public Library (Reduce \$8,000) to achieve 3% increase

City Manager recommendation: Eliminate overtime in Library. Supervision of Sunday hours by professional librarians would be affected. Sunday hours would either be eliminated or suspended depending on scheduling of supervisory staff in accordance with labor contract.

Trefethen stated he would keep Sunday hours and reduce morning hours somewhere in the week. He stated that once a new schedule was established people would get used to it.

Joyal stated he wants an opportunity to model it out to see if there really would be a savings as a result of this and doesn't want to attached a dollar amount to it yet.

Myers asked him to come back with a list.

DeDe asked what effect this \$8,000 reduction would have on the tax rate.

Harrington stated less than a penny.

Hindle stated his recommendation was to cut \$25,000 from the Library and asked what additional cuts would have to be made.

Joyal stated it would be the obvious but not recommended, books.

Cathy Beaudoin further listed books, tuition, public telephone, children's program entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, rest room renovations, library newsletter no longer being printed, etc.

Hindle stated he is trying to be fair to all departments and would still recommend the decrease to the library of \$25,000.

Scott asked about health care and vacations to part-timers and stated that other towns do not provide these.

Beaudoin explained that we do not provide healthcare to our part-timers and that vacation time is pro-rated. She stated that other towns do actually provide their part-timers healthcare.

The Mayor called for a Consensus:

To reduce by \$8,000 – no support.

To reduce by \$25,000 – passed 6-2 (DeDe and Myers opposed)

Trefethen stated that he is not sure that \$25,000 is the right amount but will go with the \$25,000 for now and wait for the recommendations. He wants to keep Sunday and evening hours as is.

3. ADJOURN