

MINUTES
Public Hearing
DOVER CITY COUNCIL
Dover City Council Chambers
WEDNESDAY, June 3, 1998
7:00 PM

FY 99 Municipal Budget Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

Robert Berry was absent.

The Mayor stated the budget now before the council equals a \$1.89 increase, he stated We will be adopting it on either June 10th or June 15th.

R. Cunningham – 2 Woodland Road. stated that the property taxes in Dover are higher than many other places in the Country. She stated the utilities in this area are preposterous. She discussed the trash collection program and stated that she has never been in a community that uses this system. She stated at present our taxes run about \$400 a month and that our utilities also run about \$400 a month. She added that if the cost of living keeps going up here she and husband we no longer be able to afford to live in Dover.

Roger Rivers – 193 Spur Road. Mr. Rivers stated it is getting far too expensive to live here in Dover. He stated he wonders why with the business growth, are we still having these increases. He stated please remember every penny counts.

Paul Vatcher – 27 Richardson Drive. Stated he saw an article commending one of the councilors for keeping the tax rate down. He stated he has three (3) daughters and one (1) son who have all completed school and now he is on a fixed income. He stated he feels we spend too much public money. He stated if we are trying to be innovative. Why didn't we go with a voucher system for Kindergarten, instead of spending money to add classrooms and teachers? He also commented that last fall he received a letter by mistake from the union supporting various now elected officials. He stated that he felt this is wrong and he sent a letter to the Ethics Committee, he stated he never received any answer back from them He stated he is upset.

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Ed McCabe – President Dover Citizen’s for Responsible Government. Mr. McCabe stated this group has not endorsed the \$1.89 increase. He added he is also concerned that the whole council listens to each other. He noted that the cost for the Middle School doesn’t even take effect until next year, but he stated the fate of others might. He added he is also concerned that we didn’t apply for Goals 2000 Funds and that concerns him.

Marty Reardon – 4 Mohawk Drive. He stated he is concerned with a \$2.00 increase. He stated that during election some told him not to worry about it because the new revenue would cover the programs. He stated he hopes \$2.00 is not where we end up.

Mrs. Cunningham. She stated the citizens in Dover are apathetic and how are the next generations going to be able afford things. She discussed the waste of public monies with the Police Dept. their assault vehicle.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

The Mayor stated Councilor Reese can’t be here on the 10th. He asked the council if they would postpone the meeting until the 15th. Reese pointed out that graduation is on the 15th. Councilor Wilson asked for an explanation regarding Goals 2000 money.

The Mayor stated Councilor Reese will be excused from the June 10th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

KAREN L. LARSON
CITY CLERK