

Special called City Commission meeting - May 31, 1985 - 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with all of the commission in attendance.

The Mayor stated he had studied and restudied the deficit balance in the budget and also the possibility of imposing the insurance premium tax. He felt since the city had raised the vehicle tax this past fall it wouldn't be fair to now impose an additional tax on the citizens. He ask the commission their feeling regarding this. All were in total agreement that they didn't want, at this time, to tax the people again.

A lengthy discussion followed as to how the deficit balance in the general fund could be altered. Comm. McChesney wondered if it would be of any benefit to perhaps turn every other street light off and not have to expend the total \$8,600 that was appropriated for the street dept. Mayor Jackson said this was a possibility but that they didn't want to have to do this if it was not absolutely necessary. Comm. Gilley wondered if the library could not function on its own with the help of the Warren County Library. All seemed to agree that if the city could get out from under this expenditure of around \$5,000 each year, we wouldn't be facing this same problem each time the budget was to be enacted. All at the meeting were in complete agreement, that they did not want the library to have to close as it was a definite asset to the city. Comm. Garman suggested we set up a meeting with the Library Board and the member from the fiscal court and discuss the possibility with them.

Then there was a discussion which followed as to the possibility of transferring the \$4,000 needed to balance the budget from the Revenue Sharing account. Everyone agreed this seemed to be the only answer at the present time, since they had no other way of getting additional revenue.

Comm. McChesney presented a motion the clerk transfer sufficient funds

from the Revenue Sharing account to the general fund so that the deficit balance would be taken care of, seconded by Comm. Marr. Before the motion was floored for a vote, Comm. Gilley ask that an amendment be added, which states that we transfer these funds and, at our earliest convenience, meet with the Library Board to discuss the possibility of their operating on their own without the aid of the tax allocation, seconded by Comm. Marr. Roll call and vote - Marr yes, Gilley yes, Jackson yes, McChesney yes, Garman yes.

With no further business to be discussed the special called meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved: James F. Jackson  
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal  
City Clerk