

**MINUTES OF THE FY 2020 – 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, August 11, 2020, AT 12 Noon. Teleconference as allowed under Executive Order 20-69; App – ZOOM; Phone 1-646-876-9923, Meeting ID: 81316157855; Password 509563**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Financial Director Mike Lacour, Administrative Assistant Brie Schiebe, Lt. Jake Richards, Public Works Director John Grantland, Surface Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Larry McClamma, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Kevin Pettis were also present.

The purpose of the Workshop was to review the Utility rates and Enterprise Funds.

Discussion was held concerning a Recreation Director and Project Manager. Mr. Lacour will provide funding information on this at the next Workshop.

A 2% rate increase has been suggested by the Rate Study Team on Water and Sewer Rates for years 1-5 and 3% for years 6 -10. The total cost per customer should be approximately \$1.20 per month to implement the increase for the average user.

Commissioner Hoffman would like for the City to consider offering a stipend to those eligible for Medicare or could be covered on their spouse's insurance. This would reduce the City's insurance cost. He also wants the Commission to consider a splint in insurance premiums so that neither the City or employee would assume the entire cost of an increase in premium

Any rate increase from BCC will need to be passed on to the customer.

Eugene Raffield, representing Raffield's Fisheries, asked that the City consider a partnership that would allow Raffield's to utilize the 2 unused clarifiers at the Wastewater plant to grow oysters. Mr. Raffield asked that the City get the tanks permitted for this use, secure funds from the Triumph Grants or use BP money for this project. Marketable oysters would be grown in one clarifier and spats in the other.

The next Workshop will be on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at Noon.

Mayor Buzzett adjourned the Workshop at 1:25 P.M.

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

  
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Rex Buzzett, Mayor

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Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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