## **MEETING MINUTES**

Call to order: A Special Meeting of the Board of Alderman was held in the Grady Howard Room of the town hall on May 12, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Chris Rey.

Approval of the Agenda: Mayor Rey asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Higgins made the motion to approve the agenda. It was moved and properly seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem O'Garra. Motion was carried.

## **Board Members in Attendance:**

Alderman Richard Higgins
Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra
Mayor Chris Rey
Alderman James Christian
Alderwoman Densie Lucas
Alderwoman Fredericka Sutherland (absent)

A Budget Workshop was presented and included discussions on the COLA, personnel additions, and personnel upgrades, miscellaneous and capital requests. See Attachment.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra asked how many boxes we had at the park? Kens said three. Alderman Higgins asked who they would be set up to talk to. Ken said 911. Recreation Department

Alderman Christian asked about the improvements for the splash pads? He asked if we get the grant would it be spread out over two to three years?

Pay Raises were discussed and Alderman Christian asked if a formula has been worked out? Ken said that they were looking at 3% across the board. Alderman Christian also asked if we were reevaluating positions and pay? Ken said that we have a classification study going on right now and we are waiting for the results. Christian asked if there is a compensation plan in place? Ken said that they will reclassify new grades for each position.

Call Boxes at the park were discussed. Alderman Christian asked for an explanation on why the cost of the call boxes is so high? Alderman Higgins asked if there is an alternative to the call boxes? Higgins also asked who is in charge at the park? Ken said the program coordinator is for emergencies, & town sponsored activities.

O'Garra said that I he thinks that the call boxes are obsolete. Higgins said it would just be something to vandalize. Chief McDuffie said that with the use of cell phones & technology I don't know how much they will be used. Higgins asked where does that stand as for as priority? Alderwoman Lucas and others agreed that safety is an issue.

**Upgraded Positions** 

Mayor Rey asked what the cost would be for the COLA & projects? Alderman Christian asked if approved will new positions get another 3%?

Mayor Rey made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. A motion was made by Alderman Higgins and it was moved and properly seconded by Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Debora J. Hudson

**Deputy Town Clerk** 

ATTEST:

Mayor