

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP
JULY 17, 2012**

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Brown
Councilmember Trube
Councilmember Osteen
Mayor Pro-Tem Bell
Mayor Hocking

ABSENT:

(3) WORKSHOP

a. Discussion of City of La Marque proposed budget –FY 2012-2013

At this time, Mayor Hocking asked City Manager Buttler to proceed with the discussion. City Manager Buttler stated that she will take the information and prepare the next draft.

We are currently looking at cutting expenses and suggested that City Council consider appointing a Finance Committee. The Finance Committee's prime responsibility would be to make recommendations to the City Council on all financial matters, including the annual operating budget, capital projects, borrowing, and funding sources.

Everyone is aware that the City of La Marque is facing deficit issues for the current and proposed budgets. During this transition year, as City Manager, I need to understand the City Council's philosophy and vision for the City. In order to achieve this, City Council and Staff had to place all revenue and expense options on the table. These options included budget cuts to equipment, departments, and personnel. City Council, City Manager Buttler, IFD Wessels, and staff went through their respective departments and looked at line items that could be reduced or eliminated that would not affect the department's ability to function.

City Council indicated it is NOT their goal to eliminate positions and directed staff look at every available resource before presenting the final budget i.e. revenues, expenditures, salaries, benefits, utilities, four day work week and furloughs.

Councilmember Osteen indicated that he needed to leave the meeting. Time 9:38 p.m.

(4) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Bobby Hocking, Mayor

Zina Tedford, City Clerk