

**CITY OF MACCLENNY
SECOND BUDGET WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
5:00 p.m.**

The City Commission met in special session, Monday, September 9, 2013 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden and Commissioners Floyd V. Bennett, Mark Bryant and Richard Johnson. Commissioner Tommy Johns was absent.

Mayor Dopson called the budget workshop to order. Commissioner Bryant opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a pledge to the United States Flag.

Mayor Dopson said we discussed the budget during the first workshop and there are three areas we need to finalize.

Mayor Dopson said he requested an increase to the Chamber of Commerce's budget of \$5,000 putting their total from \$19,500 to \$25,000 and this will be for one year only. Commissioner Bennett stated that was a wise decision. He asked the Commissioners how they felt about this. Everyone was in agreement. Darryl Register said he appreciated what the City could do.

Mayor Dopson made a recommendation with regards to a request from Lynn Walker with the Macclenny Housing Authority, requesting we reduce or eliminate the 10% PILOT tax for the upcoming year. He stated that reducing to 7% would be \$6155, difference of \$2538, off of the City's contingency, and will be for one year only. The Board was in agreement with a 1 year reduction.

Mayor Dopson said the Sheriff asked for an increase in his budget from \$716,725 to \$736,719 originally. The Sheriff then reduced it to \$733,068 which is an increase of \$16,343. The Sheriff realized the City's budget was very tight and asked if we could split the increase with him. Mayor Dopson explained the City has made many cuts in our operating budget this year. He provided examples in the sewer repair and maintenance line where emergency repairs was cut by \$20,000 and sewer equipment which was reduced by \$25,000. Mayor Dopson said these are just a few of the areas where the budget has been reduced. He explained we have always tried to work with the Sheriff and said we really appreciate all he does, but this year we just can't afford to give an increase. We will keep the operating budget the same as last year, which was \$686,725 and will pay what we collect in impact fees.

Mr. Dennis Collins got up and spoke about rumors that are going around the City. He wanted to set the record straight that he was not running for office planning to get rid of the Sheriff's office.

With no further comments or questions from the Commissioners or the audience, the meeting was adjourned.


MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST: 
CITY MANAGER/ CLERK Phil Rhoden

