## CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES MINUTES BUDGET WORKSHOP MAY 29, 2012 CITY HALL – 12:00 p.m.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this workshop was for the Board of Commissioners to discuss the 2012-2013 Budget.

Attendance: In attendance were Mayor White, Commissioners Carroll, Commissioner Caster, Commissioner Forte and Commissioner Glidden. Also in attendance were City Manager Jeff Repp, City Clerk Susan Hartman, and Finance Director Karen Thompson.

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caster and seconded by Commissioner to add funding to the Fire Department approximately \$5000.00, and add money for the Volunteer Appreciation Day Dinner. Mayor White asked Commissioner Carroll how much money he would like to add for that. Commissioner Caster stated he didn't know a dollar amount but would like to do something. We could do lunch, dinner, coffee and doughnuts, I'm just for doing something to show our appreciation.

Mayor White asked if there are any other changes to the budget.

Commissioner Caster commented that he was prepared to sign off on the changes presented at the last budget meeting. In the budget there are things we all like or don't like. I liked the changes Chief Ballree wanted to do combining the 2 positions.

Commissioner Forte commented that He thinks that \$1500.00 is a lot of money for the volunteer appreciation. He thinks \$500.00 is a more reasonable amount.

Commissioner Carroll commented that he is pulling away from the tax rate cut, because he would like to have a consensus before moving forward on it.

Commissioner Glidden commented that we should take the \$4000.00 savings from the BSRI funding and put that into vehicle rentals for Parks and Recreation. She also would like to see the Animal Control position salary adjusted to at least \$12.50 per hour.

Jeff Repp clarified with the Board the changes; Eliminate mini van, eliminate 1 Police car, Animal Control/Parks Patrol position part time, add approximately \$500.00 for the Volunteer Appreciation dinner. Mayor White asked Jeff Repp to prepare the budget to reflect the changes.

Commissioner Caster commented that Animal Control was and still is a full time position. He questions why it has to be with the Police department, but if it is it should be full time and include parks patrol and police back-up. He commented that we should swap an Impala for the Charger and give the Charger to the Police department and give the Impala to the City Manager to drive. We always say great job but when it comes to giving them the tools they need we don't know them.

Commissioner Glidden commented that our previous Animal Control employee had other responsibilities, that's why he was full time.

Commissioner Carroll commented that he is satisfied with the budget.

Mayor White commented that we are not cutting any existing programs, but we aren't funding any new programs.

Commissioner Caster commented that Chief Ballree needed 2 new police cars but was willing to compromise. We are compromising safety by not giving them the tools they need to do their job.

Mayor White asked if anyone had anything else to add. No one did.

## Adjourn-

A motion was made by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Glidden to adjourn at 12:40.

Susan Hartman City Clerk

Richard White, Mayor