DISCUSSION ON BUDGET

Changes since the last budget workshop are highlighted in yellow. Also, a column has been added on the right side for proposed amendments to this year's budget. Staff did work with State Comptroller's staff to audit the City's mixed drinks tax. The State of Texas collects a 6.7% gross receipts tax and a 8.25% sales tax on mixed drink sales. For the most part the amount subject to the gross receipts and sales tax is the same, except that sometimes the sales tax isn't collected due to sales being made to a tax exempt organization. The City receives 10.7143% of the amount collected by the State. Following is a list of the businesses collecting mixed drink gross receipts taxes in this vicinity and the amount of taxes collected. All except Border Town and Loco Coyote are identified as being within the City of Glen Rose by the State Comptroller's Office.

The logo budget was increased to $5,000.

City Secretary King asked for some amendments to allow for a Laserfiche archiving system, some new equipment to accommodate the hoped for interns, and conversion to a Municode website. We had some funds already budgeted for the latter, but determined that an additional $1,000 will be needed. She also asked for $6,000 for Council laptops to allow for a transition to paperless packets.

$28,000 was added for contract labor to the Building Department budget to cover the cost of contracting with a third party inspector. All of these funds will be needed if the Council agrees to allow Mr. Reeves to stay on with the City as a part time, 16 hour a week Building Official after his retirement at the end of August. If the Council wants to find a full time Building Official, depending on how long that process takes, some of the funds may not be needed. Not knowing how this will play out, the funds for the contract inspector were taken from the department's wages budget. If the Council approves Reeves working part time, some additional sums could be stripped from the Department's payroll, payroll taxes, retirement, and insurance budgets. To protect our options, except for relocating $28,000 from wages to contract labor, no other changes are being proposed at this time.

After reviewing year-to-date performance, adjustments have been made to the General Fund Non-Departmental "water" budget and to the Wastewater Treatment Plant "utility" (electric) budget.

As has been mentioned previously, the Utility Fund Budget is based on a 10% mark-up on Frontier's city trash collection rates. Following are the rate comparisons requested at the last meeting. Please remember that currently trash collection service is being provided at a 1% loss to the City. Also, generally, Frontier had lower dumpster rates than did their competition. It would seem that Knox was providing below market rates. Knox didn't provide dumpsters larger than 4 yds, so although most of the commercial rates will be higher under Frontier, there is an opportunity for savings if customers are able to take advantage of the lower/cubic yard rates available with Frontier's 8 yard dumpsters.

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	% CHANGE
Residential with 1 polycart	$10.40	$10.35	-0.5%
Residential with 2 polycart	$17.75	$18.44	4%
Commercial w/ 1 polycart/ once a week	$12.60	$23.10	83%
Commercial w/ 2 polycart/once a week	$25.20	$36.96	47%
Commercial w/1 3yd dumpster/three times a week	$132.30	$191.29	45%
Commercial w/ 1 4yd dumpster/once a week	$77.18	$85.02	10%
Commercial w/1 4yd dumpster/three times a week	$167.58	$210.05	25%
Commercial w/ 2 4 yd dumpster/once a week*	$154.36	$140.03	-10%

*Would go from 2 x 4 yd to 1 8 yd dumpster.