

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING - Special

August 27, 2003

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Bailey, Ed Dwenger, Herb Hunter, Helen Gardner, David Leas and Bruce Tressler.

RE: Budget Work-session.

After reworking budget with the cuts made at the August 19th special meeting, still had \$79,000 to cut.

Clerk-Treasurer told Council that she had gone through her budget and cut the following: \$500 from schools and dues, \$100 from travel, \$1000 from forms, \$500 from copier supplies, \$500 from computer supplies.

Clerk-Treasurer told Council that she had taken off \$38,000 on the Health Insurance amount in the Common Council Budget, but would be hesitate to reduce the amount anymore. That would still leave the health insurance at \$1,000,000.

Council members cut \$150 for telephones in the Board of Works budget and \$1000 for pigeon control.

Mayor cut \$1000 off of cellular phones in his budget.

Attorney budget was cut \$750.

The raise for Street Commissioner was for \$1000 instead of the two thousand originally.

Council cut all clothing allowances to stay same next year as this year at \$550 and \$450. Cut ranks for police and fire to stay the same next year as this year. Cut the probationary policeman and fireman.

Still had almost \$9,000 to cut. Council asked the clerk-treasurer to run salaries at three different figures to see how much it would cut still and to let them know where they stand. The figures being \$1300, \$1350 and \$1400.

Council members are concerned with the reassessment and what the tax rate is going to be for the year 2003 as well as 2004. Tax rates and budgets have not been definitely set for the year 2003 by the Department of Local Government

Finance (State Tax Board) and won't be until the reassessment is completed for Decatur County/Greensburg.

Council members approved the requested salary range for Street Commissioner, Building Commissioner and Assistant Police Chief.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Minutes prepared and presented by: **L. June Ryle, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Greensburg**