

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Weber City met in a special called meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. The meeting was held in the assembly room of the Weber City Town Hall. Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance. Justin Addington led the council in prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor: Vacant
 Interim Mayor: Greg Smith
 Town Attorney: Michael Carrico
 Council Members: Justin Addington, Casey Kinkead, Teresa Tilson, Larry Wagner

ABSENT: Eileen Deckard, Steve Smith

Interim Mayor Greg Smith called the special called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was to discuss the 2021-2022 Budget. The meeting was open to the public.

Public Presentations:

Chris Kimbler addressed the board to discuss the cigarette tax asking if the county implements a tobacco tax could they impose a tax on the weber city businesses also. Mike Carrico advised based on how the statute reads the county could not impose a tax.

Greg Smith stated he has also spoken with Jim Addington to advise the stamps for the tax will be placed on the tobacco products from the wholesaler. Mr. Smith stated that as of today's date the county has been questioned if they plan to implement a cigarette tax and they stated it is not planned for this budget, however they do have the expectation of reviewing this for possible implementation of the next years fiscal budget.

Chris Kimbler stated that years ago Tennessee residents would come across the line to purchase cigarettes and gas and now both things are higher and taxed more and he feels this is a concern.

Marti Whitt asked the board if the funds from the tobacco tax will have any limitations on what the proceeds are going to be spent on. Mike Carrico stated the tobacco funds will be placed in the General Fund revenue budget the same as real property tax.

Chris Kimbler asked if the trash rate is being increased this year. Mike Carrico stated that the residents have free trash pickup included with the property taxes. Greg Smith stated, at this point there is no separate fee for trash service. It was questioned if the town has looked for other companies to pick up the trash. Mike Carrico advised yes and the town could not find another company to obtain the service from a cheaper rate.

Gabe Edmonds asked what is the Gaming Tax? Mike Carrico advised this is a tax assessed from the state of Virginia and they then turn over a portion of the fee to the local municipalities. The town has no control of this rate.

With no other comments, Interim Mayor Greg Smith asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Wagner; the motion was seconded by Teresa Tilson; the motion passed with 4 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 2 Absent.

Interim Mayor Greg Smith

Town Secretary