

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS
NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

The Mayor and City Council Committees for Fire, Electric, Historic Properties/Planning & Development and Internet met in Council Chambers of City Hall on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, to discuss proposed 2010 budget items. Mayor W. E. Burns presided.

FIRE: 9 AM – Present were Mayor Burns, Council members Barnett and Cullars. Also present were City Administrator Eskew and City Clerk Danner. Fire Chief Alan Poss was in court in reference to an arson case.

City Administrator Eskew advised that council can expect an increase in the Wilkes County Fire Service contribution—to be negotiated through Service Delivery. Proposed budget does not include any capital items.

Adjournment: 9:15 AM

ELECTRIC: 9:30 AM—Present were Mayor Burns, Council members Cullars and Pope. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner and Electric Superintendent Hardy.

Proposed 2010 budget includes right-of-way cutting due excessive rain this year and capital items of a new pole truck and meter reader vehicle. Service line extension in the amount of \$90,000 is for the Rusher Street redevelopment. Advertisement for a meter reader will begin.

Adjournment: 9:55 AM.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES/PLANNING & DEV.: 10 AM -- Present were Mayor Burns, Council members Cullars and Eaton. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner and David Van Hart.

The exterior of the Museum will be painted by detention center workers during fall of 2009. Committee discussed possible gardening at Callaway Plantation. Update of camp sites with an estimated cost of \$15,000 was discussed with funds coming from the Callaway Restricted fund.

Adjournment: 10:22 AM

INTERNET: 10:30 AM -- Present were Mayor Burns, Council members Avery and Barnett. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner and Ken Davis.

Proposed 2010 budget is basically same as for 2009. Possible stimulus funding in the amount of \$4.5 million is still being considered. Mr. Davis reported that there are some 315 active customers.

Adjournment: 10:57 AM

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