**BUDGET MINUTES**

**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 30, 2024**

The budget meeting of the Mandeville City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm followed by a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll call.

**ROLL CALL- present:** Jason Zuckerman,Jill McGuire, Cynthia Strong-Thompson, Kevin Vogeltanz, Scott Discon.

**Absent**: None

**Also present**: Clay Madden, Mayor; Kathleen Sides, Finance Director; Keith LaGrange, Public Works Director

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion of the FY 2024-2025 Budget- Tracy Elsensohn, 1379 Valmont St., stated that she helps with the Mandeville Cemetery’s upkeep and thinks the city should hire a full time caretaker to clean, cut grass, paint and fix drainage. She also stated the City owned adjacent property should be clear cut to allow for the promised mausoleum and plots. Mr. Zuckerman clarified that 4 issues existed: Roadway/ physical repairs, Maintenance, Property cleared, and the Mausoleum. This issue will be discussed further at a later date.

On the operating budget, there was discussion of the pay scale, COLA, and the pay study results and follow up. Technology costs and Code Enforcement was also discussed.

Chief Schliem told the Council if there were any Code Enforcement issues, forward them to him.

Glen Runyon, 408 Venus Dr, stated there were “phantom employees” (positions not filled but budgeted for) included in the budget and that it gave an inaccurate forecast. Ms. Sides assured the budget was not “padded” by false vacancies.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Ms. McGuire, second by Ms. Strong- Thompson and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.