**BUDGET MINUTES**

**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 31, 2024**

The budget meeting of the Mandeville City Council was called to order at 6:01pm, followed by a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll call.

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

**Absent**: Kevin Vogeltanz

**Also present:** Clay Madden, Mayor; Keith LaGrange, Public Works Director; Kathleen Sides, Senior Accountant; Jessica Farno, Finance Director; David LeBreton, Digital Engineering

Mayor Madden introduced the new Finance Director, Jessica Farno

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion of the FY 2024-2025 Budget. Ms. Strong- Thompson discouraged going over every line of the budget and reminded the public that it was a work session, so not everything said would be instituted. She also reiterated the importance of the 5-year forecast. Mr. Zuckerman suggested finishing the Operating budget before starting the Capital budget.

Mayor Madden disagreed with having a full-time cemetery caretaker, as he does not think there will be enough work. He thinks the current contractor is doing a good job and has received compliments from citizens. Mr. Zuckerman stated the road work by and in the cemetery could be addressed by a contract already in place for asphalt. Mr. LaGrange agreed and said the maintenance could be absorbed by his crew. Mr. Zuckerman reported the mausoleum was in progress and thought a conceptual survey should be conducted for the property adjacent to the cemetery. Mayor Madden suggested asking the company working on the mausoleum to give a quote for cemetery expansion.

Discussion about the budget included supplemental pay, Fema income, Police salaries, printing expenses, non-profit donations, and Public Works. The discussion on the Operating budget ended.

**ADJOURNMENT**:

Motion by Mr. Zuckerman, second by Ms. McGuire and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.