Mayor Johnson led in the pledge of allegiance and Councilman Taylor led the invocation.

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET
Finance Director Peter Karstens presented a summary of highlights from the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012 – 13 to the City Council. The department heads were available to answer any questions regarding their respective budgets. There was a general discussion and Mr. Karstens gave a thorough presentation answering all questions.
DISCUSSION/ACTION TO VOTE TO PROPOSE A TAX INCREASE AND SCHEDULE TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

Finance Director Peter Karstens explained that two (2) public hearings had to be scheduled as well as the date to vote on the proposed budget that would bring about the proposed tax increase. Mayor Johnson made a motion to place proposal to adopt a 44-cent property tax rate on the agenda of the September 4, 2012 regular City Council meeting for consideration which, if adopted, would result in a tax increase. Councilman Spraggins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The two public hearings will be conducted August 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. and August 28, 2012 at noon.

The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM
None.

ADJOURN
With all business complete the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.