

**MINUTES OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006 AT 6:32 P.M. IN CITY HALL RE: BUDGET
DISCUSSION**

Present: Mayor Postma
Commissioners Klooster, Vollbach, Timmons, Bennett, McNitt and
Symonds

Absent: None

Mayor Postma called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Postma asked each Commissioner to answer the following three questions regarding the budget.

1. What is the minimum fund balance you are comfortable with?
2. What area do you feel needs the most cuts?
3. What area do you feel should be cut the least?

Commissioner Symonds stated he would like to see a 10-13% fund balance.

Commissioner Bennett stated he wanted to increase the General Fund Fund Balance and he would like to see the cuts made in labor.

Commissioner Timmons stated she felt that spending should be watched and the fund balance needed to be watched and spending should be prioritized.

Commissioner Vollbach felt there should be a 7-10% fund balance. He wanted to protect the police and fire budgets and felt that purchases could be polished.

Commissioner Klooster felt 12-12.5% fund balance was good and public safety budgets were important.

Mayor Postma felt the fund balance needed to be watched. He noted that economic development and the level of services offered should be maintained. He felt all areas should be looked at for cuts.

Commission agreed to a 3% payroll increase for department heads.

Enter Commissioner McNitt.

Commission reviewed and discussed all of the general fund budgets and asked that EMS Director Peck, Chief of Police Reece, Parks Director Cannon and DPW Superintendent Breakey attend the March 27 meeting to discuss their budget requests.

Administrator White stated that the Police Chief will be on vacation and he will ask him to respond in writing for the meeting.

The following are cuts made to the proposed budget:

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Administrator Department \$760

Clerk Department \$403

Treasurer Department \$1,022

Police Department \$473

Parks Department \$1,000

Community/Skate Park Department \$3,786

Civic Center \$540

General Fund cuts total \$7,984

Ambulance Fund \$400

Commission scheduled a budget discussion meeting for March 27, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Postma adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mark Postma
Mayor

Lori M. Campbell, CMC
City Clerk