

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NH

April 9, 2011
8:30 A.M.

ELECTED LEADERSHIP

The following organizations described services, outlined need and made requests for community support:

Safe Haven Program-

Big Brothers/Big Sisters-

Somersworth Festival Association-

COAST-

Homemakers-

Rochester District VNA-

Somersworth Youth Connection-

Sexual Assault Support Services-

CASA-

Community Action-

CITY MANAGEMENT

Councilors had questions regarding issues such as vehicle maintenance, the Christmas parade, consultancy, litigation and newsletters.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

OTHER EXPENSES (INCLUDES DEBT SERVICES)

CAPITAL OUTLAY (INCLUDES CITY CIP ITEMS)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

There was discussion about the School Resource Officer, retirement and possible “downshifting” of costs, health insurance, new vehicles and veterinary services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Subjects such as overtime replacement, vehicle maintenance and tires, building repair and educational incentives were discussed.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilors asked about snow/sidewalk plows, overtime and paging units.

Road resurfacing and crack sealing were discussed. They also mentioned previous bonds for reconstruction and possibly replacing as they expire.

REVISIT BUDGET SECTIONS/OUTSTANDING ISSUES AS NECESSARY

Comments were made about an increase in the tax rate, decrease in services, infrastructure which has been ignored for too long and the possible elimination of positions.

The Workshop ended at 10:50 pm.