

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2009 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6  
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Stenzel.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mayor Ralph Stenzel Mayor Pro-tem Jeff Tambrella Councilmember Bubba Jannett Councilmember Joe Carothers Councilmember Jim Abney City Manager Joe Dickson City Secretary Janet L. Davis
	Absent:	Councilmember Rebecca A. Darden, excused City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

Workshop: Discussion of proposed 2009/10 general fund operating budget

Mayor Stenzel said this is a recap of the previous workshops we have had thus far. City Manager Joe Dickson reported on the taxable valuations and the effective tax rate calculations received from the County Tax Assessor Collector and how the values affect the effective tax rate. The current tax rate is lower than the effective tax rate. If Council wants to stay with the current tax rate, the effect is a decrease in taxes.

Police Chief Kenneth Campbell said the current dispatch staff is adequate but we are losing good personnel to other larger agencies or for more money because our wages aren't competitive. We are investing money training new people and they are leaving once trained to go somewhere else. Some of the other agencies also offer certificate pay and shift differential. Chief Campbell also reviewed changes made from the previous workshops.

Municipal Court Administrator Cheryl Hopf reviewed the warrant and revenue statistics for the previous two years and wages of surrounding agencies for the marshal position.

Street Superintendent Chris Beanland provided a report of the city's current street conditions (excellent, good, good/fair, fair, fair/poor, and poor) and types (concrete, asphalt, chip seal, and crushed rock) in miles along with a detail of the streets in poor, fair/poor, and fair condition. He stated that we mostly overlay our streets with hot asphalt.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary