

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2012 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6  
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Stenzel.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mayor Ralph Stenzel Mayor Pro-tem Pat McCrary Councilmember Jeff Tambrella Councilmember Joe Carothers Councilmember Wanda Wagner Councilmember Bubba Jannett City Manager Joe Dickson City Secretary Janet L. Davis
	Absent:	City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

Also present were Community Services Director Diana Steelquist, Street Superintendent Chris Beanland, and Library Director Brenda Cheatham.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Joe Carothers.

**Workshop: Discussion of proposed 2012/13 general fund operating budget**

City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the proposed administration and tax department budgets, along with the effective tax rate worksheet and tax increase options. The proposed budget is based on the same tax revenue as last year.

Library Director Brenda Cheatham review the proposed library budget stating that the State Library budget was cut by 60 percent and ten of the regional libraries are no longer functional because of the drastic cuts. Our state funding, through grant programs, has been affected as well in an attempt to shift funding for local libraries to the local communities. She said a request for an extra one-half hour per day has been requested for two clerks in order for them to be able to shelve books before covering the front desk.

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said the community services proposed budget maintains the same level of services as last year, including \$10,000 for the storm water management contract with the health district. She said the park department is also in the maintenance mode with funds from the community park fee being utilized for certain park improvements. The community center budget includes nothing new due to the current economic conditions, although new flooring is needed in the main room.

Street Superintendent Chris Beanland said the proposed budget includes continued payments on the lease purchase of the department's equipment, along with funds to complete about 1.9 miles in street improvements. He said we are still working with the county on a cost-sharing plan to reconstruct 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The capital asset plan for territory proposed to be annexed in 2014 was reviewed.

Mayor Stenzel said the budget is still as tight as the past few years but complimented staff on maintaining the same level of city services.

The next budget workshop is scheduled for August 27, 2012, at 6 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary