

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2011 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
Councilmember Jeff Tambrella
Councilmember Joe Carothers
Councilmember Pat McCrary
Councilmember Bubba Jannett
City Manager Joe Dickson
City Secretary Janet L. Davis
Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Jim Abney, excused
City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

Also present were Community Services Director Diana Steelquist, Court Administrator Cheryl Hopf, Street Superintendent Chris Beanland, Director of Administrative Services Pam Wood, Police Chief Kenneth Campbell, Fire Marshal Charlie Tuttoilmondo, and Library Director Brenda Cheatham.

The invocation was given by and the pledge to the U.S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by City Manager Joe Dickson.

Workshop: Discussion of proposed 2011/12 general fund operating budget

Police Chief Kenneth Campbell addressed the costs for the lapel cameras that was discussed at a previous workshop. He said the prices vary according to the quality and he suggested that 17 of the \$100 cameras would satisfy our needs at the current time. Council recessed briefly for dinner at 6:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the spreadsheet on the tax rate options, including proposed revenue generated based on the effective tax rate and percentage increases to the effective tax rate. He reviewed the current and proposed salary schedule, along with payroll cost comparisons for the revised scale, a wage freeze, and other scenarios, including delaying the hiring of the new police officer or not hiring a new officer at all. He said the appropriated fund balance in the proposed budget is approximately \$414,000, an increase from last year's budget of \$142,000.

The consensus of Council at this time was to delete \$2,300 of the \$4,000 included for the lapel cameras, add \$1,000 for tree removal expenses, implement the new salary schedule, and freeze wages.

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Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary