

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2016 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Tambrella.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mayor Jeff Tambrella Mayor Pro-tem Bubba Jannett Councilmember Corey Jannett Councilmember Joe Carothers Councilmember Bill Pittman Councilmember Charlie Coleman City Manager Joe Dickson City Secretary Janet L. Davis
	Absent:	City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

Also in attendance were Library Director Brenda Cheatham and Municipal Court Administrator Lisa Snider.

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

Workshop: Discussion of 2016/2017 general fund operating budget

City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the changes that had been made during previous budget workshops, resulting in a decrease of \$15,764 in the appropriated fund balance. He provided a copy of an email from Chief Powell explaining the extra help, overtime, and vehicle maintenance expenses. Mr. Dickson provided information previously requested about the cost of in-house street construction vs. the cost of outsourcing that service. He also responded that there were 284 animals picked up in the City this past year. Staff recommended increasing rental fees by 20 percent for the community center and that proposal will be brought to Council at a future meeting for consideration.

Council discussed the tax revenue, specifically how appraisals affect the tax rate and the effect different tax rates would have on homeowners and taxpayers. Some councilmembers favored keeping the current rate while others were concerned that appraisals will continue to increase of the next several years causing property taxes to continue to rise. Councilmember Pittman said we should remain at the effective rate because he feels retail will continue to increase and that will help us with revenue in the next few years. Mr. Pittman also said he would prefer to not attend the TML Annual Conference and save that money for use on something else. Council seemed to lean toward proposing no more than a 3 percent increase in the effective tax rate.

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Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary