

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2010 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Stenzel.

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

Workshop: Discussion of proposed 2010/11 general fund operating budget

City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the changes that staff made based on discussions from the previous workshops. He said the property tax revenue has been decreased \$21,408 according to calculations based on the current tax rate of \$0.3114 which is a 5.4 percent increase in the effective tax rate. Expenditures in administration were decreased by \$3,745 by dropping membership with the Galveston County Economic Development Alliance and with ICMA. Council discussed and removed the increase for the city attorney and removed the monthly retainer fee for the associate court judge. Funds for actual conduct of court by the associate court judge remained in the amount of \$600. Funds for the defibrillator for municipal court was reduced from \$4,500 to \$1,800 and the new municipal court software program was further discussed. Council decreased the police overtime budget by another \$20,000 and discussed a metal rather than a brick building for the street department.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Abney to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary