

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2015 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Tambrella.

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

Public Hearing: First public hearing on proposed tax increase
City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the revenue that would be generated by the effective tax rate and a 3 percent increase in the effective rate. The effective tax rate calculations includes 85 percent of the values under review. Councilmember Coleman said he is in favor of an increase to help the city reduce the deficit. He said we cannot continue to operate a city with the same dollars year after year. Mayor Tambrella said we receive new revenue each year on new improvements added to the tax roll. The only comment from the public came from Mr. Norman Franzke, Chairman of the Galveston Central Appraisal District Appraisal Review Board (ARB), who attended the meeting to hear any concerns voiced to the Council. He said the ARB does not perform appraisals but they help remediate protests. Councilmember Carothers clarified that the tax rate proposed would be a decrease from the current tax rate because appraisal values have increased, but the proposed rate would actually be an increase in the effective tax rate.

Motion by Councilmember Coleman, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary