

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2012 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 Ralph Stenzel.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Ralph Stenzel
Mayor Pro-tem Pat McCrary
Councilmember Jeff Tambrella
Councilmember Joe Carothers
Councilmember Bubba Jannett, arrived at 6:37 p.m.
City Manager Joe Dickson
City Secretary Janet L. Davis
Absent: Councilmember Wanda Wagner, excused
City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

Business:

First public hearing on the proposed annexation of certain property, identified as Area A, Area B, Area C, Area D, and Area E, consisting of 2.569.2 acres more or less, by the City of Santa Fe, Texas

Mayor Stenzel explained the procedures for tonight's public hearing. Speakers should be recognized, approach the podium, state their name and address, then state any comments, questions, and concerns. Staff has provided a Frequently Asked Questions handout and a map of the proposed areas to be annexed. He said the city does not have the responsibility and control of the water district so the city will not be extending water and sewer to the proposed areas. The water district was invited to attend tonight's meeting, and Mr. Tommy Anderson, a Water Control and Improvement District No. 8 board member, gave an overview of the inception and operation of the district and the areas they serve. He said the district cannot extend water and sewer lines beyond its boundaries. New subdivision developers are responsible for constructing the water and sewer infrastructure within the subdivision, according to the district's specifications, and then the district provides service to the area. The water district began providing services to the school district after the school district paid to run lines to their facilities. The water district works closely with the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation for economic expansion of water and sewer improvements through grant resources. The water district purchases water to supply to its citizens from Gulf Coast Water Authority in Texas City. The water comes from the Brazos River and is treated, purified, and piped to the entities for disbursement to individual households.

Those in attendance speaking against the annexation were: Roger McCrary of 13913 Countryside Drive, Viola Galicki of 13917 Countryside Drive, Steven Harrison of 14657 Broken Arrow, Marc Farmilette of 1750 Rymal Road, George McLean of 14627 Broken Arrow, Barbara Shelton of 15222 Primrose Lane, Vernon

and Tasha Achord of 2310 Jack Beaver Road, Marty Rorer of 13907 Larou Lane, Keith Ware of 701 Rymal Road, Glen Johnson of 1911 Bunyard, John Billard of 15222 Primrose Lane, Willie Bigford of 1610 Rymal Road, Mitch Gladney of 1207 Ginger, Clark Taylor of 14122 Cimarron, Tom Young of Bunyard, Pat Oliver of 15225 Cedar Lane, David Williams of 13936 Countryside Drive, Robert Graves of 7808 Carolyn, Joyce Weiland of 1811 Whila Way, John McClain, and Ron Daily of 2010 Whila Way. Most stated they already had the services they need, including police protection and street and drainage maintenance provided by the county. They said library and park services were already available, and they did not want another layer of government-added regulations, such as permit fees, building inspections, code enforcement, restrictions on discharging a firearm, animal and noise restrictions, and fireworks prohibitions. WCID #8 Board Member Tommy Anderson said discharging fireworks in the area was already prohibited. A few residents of the proposed areas asked how this proposal came about and Mayor Stenzel said it has been a part of the city's master plan for many years. City Manager Joe Dickson said the purpose of the annexation is to secure the city's borders and regulate new growth in the area. Councilmember Tambrella said he has had a few calls asking the city to expedite the annexation because the City of Texas City is wanting to develop near the area of the new outlet mall. Some residents questioned whether the tax revenue generated from the proposed annexation would adequately cover the anticipated expenses necessary to extend city services, and what resources would need to be added to adequately provide services such as police protection, street and drainage maintenance, development regulation, etc. One resident asked when Council would vote on the issue and Mayor Stenzel said the vote would occur in November, 2014. Another resident urged Council to consider placing a non-binding referendum on the ballot to see if the current and future residents of the city favored annexation. The consensus of those in attendance was that they do not see any benefits to being annexed by the city and they moved to the county for lack of government involvement.

The next public hearing on the proposed annexation is scheduled for September 18.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary