

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2009 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Stenzel.

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

Business:

a. Executive Session, closed to the public, under Section 551.072, Government Code, to discuss the acquisition of real property
Council adjourned at 6:03 p.m. into executive session, closed to the public, under Section 551.072, Government Code, to discuss the acquisition of real property and reconvened at 6:22 p.m.

b. Consideration and possible action: Accepting assignment of real property and authorizing earnest money payment
Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Darden to accept the assignment of real property, specifically the north ½ of Lot 15 Thaman's 1st Subdivision for \$320,000, and authorize earnest money payment of \$5,000. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Council recessed at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

c. Workshop: Discussion of proposed 2009/10 general fund operating budget
City Manager Joe Dickson explained the proposed 15 percent adjustment in the marshal salary to bring the amount more comparable to the pay of an entry level police officer. Municipal Court Administrator Cheryl Hopf thanked Council for their support and approval of the SETCIC program. Other items in the municipal court budget include the lease/purchase payment on the marshal vehicle, an increase in certification pay comparable to the amount set out in the police officers' collective bargaining agreement, a new shredder, and replacement chairs for the office staff. Councilmember Jannett voiced his opposition to the increase in the marshal salary, and Councilmembers Darden and Abney agreed that some increase was needed but asked staff to check with surrounding entities to see what they pay for a similar position.

Minutes (cont.)

Fire Marshal Charles Tuttoilmondo said he had requested certification pay, but Mr. Dickson proposed an increase in the stipend rather certification pay because a master peace officer certificate is not required for the position of fire marshal.

Mr. Dickson said the telecommunication supervisor requested an additional dispatcher position to help during the high turnover because the current dispatcher wage is not competitive enough for them to stay with our department. Instead of a new position, a position reclassification with a 5 percent wage increase has been proposed. Councilmembers Darden and Abney agree with the proposed increase rather than a new employee. Other items in the police department budget include the lease/purchase payment on the OSSI software, video cameras, and police car, and a new lease purchase payment on 4 new police vehicles to replace some of the older units. No additional vehicles are proposed. There is one new officer position proposed to move towards our goal of four per shift. Collective bargaining and civil service regulations control most of the personnel costs. We may need to increase prisoner support because we continue to house more prisoners.

Mr. Dickson reviewed the changes and the effect on the proposed bottom line: \$36,733 decrease in tax revenue, \$10,000 revenue from park fees, \$18,632 reduction in medical insurance premiums, \$4,020 increase in personnel costs for the city marshal, \$24,000 reduction which is the net effect of a pay adjustment for the current dispatchers instead of an additional dispatch position, and \$25,000 for holiday banners and the construction of a basketball court at the Joe A. Tambrella park.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Darden to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary