

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2012 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Stenzel.

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

Also present were Santa Fe Fire and Rescue Fire Chief Tommy Anderson, Deputy Chief Richie Pearson, and EMS Manager Christopher Anderson.

Workshop: Discussion with Santa Fe Fire and Rescue concerning permit fees for new fire station and purchase of existing EMS facility on Main Street

City Manager Joe Dickson said that Santa Fe Fire and Rescue is planning to build a new facility on Hwy. 6 and the permit fees for the building are estimated to be about \$12,000. Fire Chief Tommy Anderson said they are asking the city to waive the fees.

Mayor Stenzel said once the new building is ready, the current EMS building will be vacant. He said the city proposes to purchase the EMS building and deduct the value of the permit fees from the appraised value of the building and land. Mayor Stenzel said he proposes \$50,000 for the building and land which would equate to \$62,000 with the value of the waived permit fees.

Chief Anderson said the Galveston Central Appraisal District has the value of the improvements at \$64,340 and the value of the land at \$22,360. He said if the city does not waive the permit fees, then the district does not save any money. He is proposing to keep the two transactions separate and to negotiate a good deal for the building in a year or so when it becomes vacant. They want to save the district money by the city waiving the permit fees, maybe not all, but most or some. He said the permit fees are already figured into the cost of the building so if they are waived, then the district would be able to spend those funds elsewhere for fire protection.

Mr. Dickson told Council that the district's new building is being funded from revenue received for EMS services and not from tax dollars of the Emergency Services District. He said one option is to issue the permit and hold the fee in abeyance until a decision is made so they could move forward with construction. Chief Anderson said they are hoping to break ground next month.

Councilmember Tambrella said our budget is very tight and neither he nor Councilmember Jannett were in favor of waiving the fees now and then negotiating the sale of the EMS building next year. They felt the value of the building may increase during that time.

Chief Anderson proposed that the city issue the permit, hold the fees in abeyance, and within six months have the building appraised. Then at that time we can discuss the selling price of the EMS building and the fees to be paid or waived.

Council and Santa Fe Fire and Rescue representatives agreed that the city will issued the permit for the new building and hold the permit fees in abeyance. Within the next six months, Santa Fe Fire and Rescue will obtain an appraisal of the EMS facility, and then we will all meet again to discuss the possible selling price and the possible waiver of permit fees.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary