

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 23, 2016 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Tambrella.

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

The invocation was given by and the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by City Manager Joe Dickson.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

a. The minutes of 5/12/16 and 5/17/16 were approved as presented.

Citizens' Comments: None

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Oaths of Office by newly-elected officers

City Secretary Janet L. Davis administered the oaths of office to newly-elected Councilmembers Joe Carothers, Bill Pittman and Bubba Jannett. Re-elected councilmembers returned to the dais and were joined by newly-elected councilmember Bill Pittman.

2. Consideration and possible action: Selection of Mayor Pro-tem

Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to select Councilmember Bubba Jannett as Mayor Pro-tem again this year. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously

3. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution amending those representatives authorized to conduct business with TexPool

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(Since there was no change in the selection of Mayor Pro-tem, items 3 and 4 were not necessary so no action was taken.)

5. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution adopting certain property tax exemptions pursuant to Section 11.13 and Section 11.261 of the Texas Property Tax Code

City Manager Joe Dickson said Council discussed additional optional exemptions at the last meeting, but Council felt we should continue the same exemptions again this year and reconsider optional exemptions again next year when we hope to see the benefits of our recent economic development initiatives. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to adopt the resolution adopting certain property tax exemptions pursuant to Section 11.13 and Section 11.261 of the Texas Property Tax Code. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: Ratifying execution of Interlocal Contract by, between, and among the City of Santa Fe, Texas, Galveston County Drainage District No. 1, and the County of Galveston, Texas, for the road and ditch repair project on Cemetery Road

City Manager Joe Dickson said Council was informed at the last regular meeting of the emergency situation on Cemetery Rd. where the bridge was failing. The Mayor signed the Interlocal Agreement then so the work could begin and this action is to ratify its execution. Street Superintendent Billy Creppon said he had concerns about the shallow road coverage over the culverts causing a hump in the road surface of Cemetery Rd. He said the flow line at the ditch is higher than it was previously which is causing water to be held up on the west side. Mr. Creppon said the county supplied the materials and the city is to provide the road re-surfacing, but we have been unable to pave it yet because the base has not yet settled properly. He said we are working with the drainage district and the county to correct the issues. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to ratify execution of the Interlocal Contract by, between, and among the City of Santa Fe, Texas, Galveston County Drainage District No. 1, and the County of Galveston, Texas, for the road and ditch repair project on Cemetery Road. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

7. Consideration and possible action: Authorization to retain Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard, and Smith, L.P., Attorneys at Law, to represent the city in administration of collective bargaining and civil service provisions

City Manager Joe Dickson said we retained Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, Attorneys at Law, in 2008 to represent the city in the administration of collective bargaining and civil service provisions. He said the attorneys with the firm that represented us were William S. Helfand and Norman Giles. Mr. Dickson said the attorneys have changed law firms and staff would like to stay with them; however, the agreement is with the law firm rather than the attorneys. This action would authorize retaining the new law firm and the fee amounts would remain unchanged. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Bill Pittman to grant authorization to retain Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard, and Smith, L.P., Attorneys at Law, to represent the city in administration of collective bargaining and civil service provisions. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: The new floor at the community center is finished and looks good.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings
City Manager Joe Dickson requested a special meeting be held on July 7, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. to confirm the appointment of the new public safety director/police chief.

Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Joe Carothers to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary