

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 30, 2015 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 Jeff Tambrella.

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

Also present were members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and city staff: Vince Megale, Don Davis, Ron Willoughby, Daniel Kitchener, Judy Koleng, Library Director Brenda Cheatham, Community Services Director Diana Steelquist, Fire Marshal Tony Dauphine, Police Chief Kenneth Campbell, and Street Superintendent Chris Beanland.

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.

Business:

1. Workshop: Council/staff Goal-Setting Worksession

Mayor Tambrella said we are hoping to set some goals so city staff will know what direction this Council wants to head. City Manager Joe Dickson said this is a brainstorming session to get ideas on the table. We can then prioritize them and set objectives to accomplish our goals.

- a. Revive Keep Santa Fe Beautiful in cooperation with the Chamber to help with the cleanliness of the city.
- b. Partnerships with Park Board, school, Chamber, etc. on park programs and events and code enforcement and abatement.
- c. City's plans for vacant lot where police department building was recently demolished. Some suggested uses were parking, covered pavilion, rental space, and sell at auction.
- d. Construct new city hall
- e. Renovate community center
- f. Pursue homeowner's exemptions for all homeowners instead of just those over 65 or disabled
- g. Contact CenterPoint about subpar tree-trimming work
- h. Improvement of Cemetery Road
- i. Review employee benefits package

- j. Increase street and drainage improvements
- k. Library expansion
- l. Specialized training for employees
- m. Fire Inspection program
- n. Growth management - Status quo for next 3-4 years regarding annexation -- SFEDC is looking to expand water north up to 2nd Street – Sewer expansion is not financially feasible.
- o. Outsourced animal control and shelter services to private contractor rather than County
- p. What kind of business do we want to attract so we can market our City? (family restaurants, distribution center, light manufacturing) Develop incentive plans for business relocation, new business, or business re-development.
- q. General cleanup of Hwy. 6; perhaps adopt fencing requirements/standards

Prioritized Goals are listed below in order of most important:

1. Increase street and drainage improvements, including Cemetery Road
2. Keep Santa Fe Beautiful / Cleanup Hwy. 6
3. Business attraction and incentives for business growth
4. Library expansion (with Bruce trust funds)
5. Upgrade community center
6. Use of vacant lot
7. Partnerships with Park Board, School, Chamber
8. Homestead exemptions / Benefits package

Budget workshops are tentatively scheduled for July 28 and July 30 at 6 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary