

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 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 Pro-tem Jeff Tambrella.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro-tem Jeff Tambrella
Councilmember Bubba Jannett
Councilmember Pat McCrary
City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego
City Manager Joe Dickson
City Secretary Janet L. Davis
Absent: Mayor Ralph Stenzel, excused
Councilmember Joe Carothers, excused
Councilmember Wanda Wagner, 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 8/14/14 and 8/28/14 were approved as presented.
- b. Community Services Director Diana Steelquist presented the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment annual reports for the fiscal year 2013/14.
- c. Library Director Brenda Cheatham gave a report on the Summer Reading Program stating that 269 students participated, 2,189 books were read, and almost 10,000 patrons walked through the door between July and August.

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by changing the zoning classification from Manufactured Housing (MH) to Agricultural Residential (AR) for one tract totaling 2.562 acres located at 13504 W. 6th Street, being Abst 47, Page 5, Lots 44 & 45 and the north half of Lot 43 (44-1), Mary Hall unrecorded subdivision, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas

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concerned about the future use of their properties currently zoned MH. She said the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and then unanimously recommended approval of the requested zone change. At 7:13 p.m., Mayor Pro-tem Tambrella opened the public hearing. Kelly Lee said she is in favor of Mrs. Armbrecht's request to change the zone and she is also in favor of the same zone change for her property across the street. They became aware of the current zoning when another neighbor replatted their property and added four manufactured homes. They said they prefer site built homes and are requesting this zone change for the future aesthetics of the neighborhood. Gina Mann of 4605 Davis Hall said she also supports the requested zone change. The public hearing closed at 7:18 p.m. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by changing the zoning classification from Manufactured Housing (MH) to Agricultural Residential (AR) for one tract totaling 2.562 acres located at 13504 W. 6th Street, being Abst 47, Page 5, Lots 44 & 45 and the north half of Lot 43 (44-1), Mary Hall unrecorded subdivision, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

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City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 8, Subdivision Regulations, Code of Ordinances, Section 6.9.1, Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Areas, by expanding the authorized use of community park fees to include city beautification projects

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said this is the second reading of the ordinance to expand the authorized use of community park fees as discussed during recent budget workshops. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 8, Subdivision Regulations, Code of Ordinances, Section 6.9.1, Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Areas, by expanding the authorized use of community park fees to include city beautification projects. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance adopting the debt service fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014

City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the proposed debt service fund summary for the upcoming 2014/15 fiscal year. He said this budget is necessary in order to pay the principal and interest on the bond issue for construction of the Justice Center. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to pass the first and final reading of an ordinance adopting the debt service fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Public Hearing: Proposed 2014/15 general fund operating budget

City Manager Joe Dickson summarized the general fund capital expenditures proposed for the upcoming 2014/15 fiscal year. He said this budget reflects a 3 percent average pay increase for employees, along with a new mechanic's position. Funds for animal control and shelter services provided through a contract with the Health District are still being discussed, and we are not planning to renew the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program Contract with the Health District but rather bring those services that back in-house. The \$4,846,263 budget is based upon the effective tax rate of \$0.3074/per \$100 valuation, and the projected ending fund balance is \$1,192,917. The public hearing opened at 7:32 and there were no comments.

3. Discussion: Proposed 2014/15 general fund operating budget

There was no further discussion on the proposed 2014/15 general fund operating budget.

4. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance adopting the general fund operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014

Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to pass the first and final reading of an ordinance adopting the general fund operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate; date when ad valorem taxes become delinquent; rate as of assessment; providing for certain exemptions; penalty and interest for delinquent taxes and savings clause

City Manager Joe Dickson said the effective tax rate of \$0.3074 is the proposed maintenance and operations tax rate and the proposed debt service tax rate is \$0.0515, for a total rate of \$0.3589. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to pass the first and final reading of an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate; date when ad valorem taxes become delinquent; rate as of assessment; providing for certain exemptions; penalty and interest for delinquent taxes and savings clause. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: The Library Advisory Board met with the Park Board to discuss moving the annual tree lighting activities from the gazebo to the library on December 4, 2014. National Night Out is next month.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings
Council and staff will consider dates for an open house for the newly-constructed Justice Center.

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

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary