

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Stenzel.

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

Workshop: Discussion of proposed 2012/13 general fund operating budget and proposed tax rate

Mayor Stenzel said the Santa Fe Police Officers' Association said they want the 3 percent pay increase they did not get last year and a 3 percent increase on their anniversary date, not just the 3 percent across-the-board pay increase offered during budget workshops. Mayor Stenzel also asked for clarification as to what equipment the Association has purchased that equals tens of thousands of dollars in equipment the city did not have funds to purchase, as stated by the President, Officer Robert Wood. Officer Joe Whittington said President Wood misspoke about the total spent on equipment and said the amount would be closer to about \$10,000, specifically light bars for the new cars. Council said they felt the new light bar purchases were a preference and not a necessity because the light bars on the old cars could be transferred to the new cars.

City Manager Joe Dickson said he proposed a 7 ½ percent increase in the effective tax rate to establish a building fund in the amount of \$110,000. Following public hearings, he is now recommending that we go with the effective tax rate for general operating expenses, then form a building committee to develop a new plan for a police facility and go back to the voters in May with another bond proposal. Council agreed.

Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary