

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Councilmember Joe Carothers Councilmember Corey Jannett Councilmember Bill Pittman Councilmember Charles Coleman City Manager Joe Dickson City Secretary Janet L. Davis
	Absent:	Mayor Pro-tem Bubba Jannett, 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. Mayor Tambrella welcomed Mrs. Winnie Corsaro who presented, on behalf of the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation, a check in the amount of \$50,000 to the city to perhaps use towards assistance with minor home improvement projects for seniors and low to moderate income homeowners. She suggested the city assemble a committee to set some guidelines and select homeowners who are members of our community in need of help and meet an established criteria. Council thanked Mrs. Corsaro for being instrumental once again in bringing funds to our community to help our residents.

Citizens' Comments: Ms. Yvonne Downs of 314 Lago Circle said it has been one year since the city withdrew from the Galveston County Health District contract for animal control services, and she complimented the dedicated staff and volunteers who are operating in the new make-shift shelter. She said she hoped that citizens and rescue groups would become more involved in the construction of the new shelter and asked the city to reach out to the public to better educate them about the city's coordinated efforts with the City of Dickinson and the City of Clear Lake Shores.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a two-year term to expire July, 2018

City Manager Joe Dickson said the term of Mr. Scott Eckenrode of the Zoning Board of Adjustment expired in July and he would like to continue to serve for another two-year term. Mr. Dickson said we also have two vacancies on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and we have two applicants for those vacancies. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to reappoint Scott Eckenrode for a two-year term to expire July, 2018, to appoint Beverly Pruitt for a two-year term to expire July, 2018, and to appoint Gregg Vicknair for an unexpired term to expire July, 2017. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance adopting the debt service fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016

City Manager Joe Dickson said the debt service effective tax rate decreased from \$0.0473 to \$0.0437, and this proposed debt service fund budget for the fiscal year 2016/17 reflects that tax decrease and allocates the principal and interest payments for the bond issue for the Justice Center. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to adopt the first and final reading of an ordinance adopting the debt service fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Public Hearing: Proposed 2016/17 general fund operating budget

Mayor Tambrella opened the public hearing on the proposed 2016/17 general fund operating budget at 7:12 p.m. With no one wishing to make comments, Mayor Tambrella closed the public hearing.

4. Discussion: Proposed 2016/17 general fund operating budget

City Manager Joe Dickson said several budget workshops were held to discuss and prepare the revenues and expenditures proposed for the upcoming 2016/17 fiscal year. Mr. Dickson read the budget message summarizing the taxable value, proposed property tax rate, unrestricted portfolio investments, proposed new capital expenditures, proposed wage increases, group medical insurance premium increases, and the 2013-17 capital improvement plan.

5. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance adopting the general fund operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016

Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to pass the first and final reading of an ordinance adopting the general fund operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. 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 for maintenance and operations is \$0.2825 and the effective tax rate for debt service is \$0.0437 for a total of \$0.3262, a decrease of \$0.0188 from last year's total tax rate. Motion by Councilmember Corey Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Charles Coleman 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.

7. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Interlocal Agreement for animal control and sheltering services between the City of Santa Fe and Bayou Animal Services Corporation

City Manager Joe Dickson said the Cities of Dickinson, Clear Lake Shores, and Santa Fe are working together through the Bayou Animal Services Corporation to provide animal control services in our respective communities. This agreement is with the Bayou Animal Services Corporation for animal control and sheltering services. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement for animal control and sheltering services between the City of Santa Fe and Bayou Animal Services Corporation. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

8. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution appointing and designating an animal control officer and an officer to act as the local rabies control authority for the City of Santa Fe and providing for other requirements related to such appointments

City Manager Joe Dickson said state statute requires the designation of animal control and local rabies control officers for the city and this resolution designates the Bayou Animal Services Corporation director/manager to serve as those officers on behalf of the City of Santa Fe. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adopt the resolution appointing and designating an animal control officer and an officer to act as the local rabies control authority for the City of Santa Fe and providing for other requirements related to such appointments. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

9. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Animal Control, Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas, by adding definitions to Section 1 and by clarifying distance requirements and referencing the Zoning Ordinance in Section 6 regarding the locations of kennels; and providing for penalties and severability

City Manager Joe Dickson said Council has already seen these proposed revisions because we recently revised the incorrect ordinance. This ordinance amends the correct ordinance. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to pass the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Animal Control, Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas, by adding definitions to Section 1 and by clarifying distance requirements and referencing the Zoning Ordinance in Section 6 regarding the locations of kennels; and providing for penalties and severability and to dispense with the second reading. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

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Announcements: Councilmember Pittman said the turnout for the Wounded Warrior project was well attended and the recipients were surprised and appreciative. Chief Powell said October 7 is National Coffee with a Cop Day and we will meet at ACU from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings

Motion by Councilmember Corey Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary