

SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2009

The Special Meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers by Mayor Jeff Bearden, and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Mayor Jeff Bearden

Commissioners: Jimmy Dennis, Russell Brownlow, Travis Taylor and Phil McCuiston

Staff Present: City Manager Mitch Grant, Fire Chief Kent Smead, Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson, Finance Director Anne Garmon, and City Secretary Linda Byers.

Mayor Jeff Bearden led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags, followed by the invocation.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Manager Grant explained that this was the city commissions' budget, and he is preparing it for them. This allows them to set goals for the upcoming year.

The effective tax rate of \$0.374244 was used in this budget. The city will need to hold tax rate hearings' only if a rate is set that is above the effective tax rate.

The General Fund Budget is increased 5.1%. City Manager Grant outlined the budget in detail by department for the commission, and there was discussion on each departments budget.

The police department ½ time receptionist had been removed from the budget. The commission instructed that that be replaced in the budget, with the opinion that the first person a citizen meets at the police department should be more professional than a temporary or part time employee.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Commissioner Brownlow made the motion to recess the meeting for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

BUDGET WORKSHOP RESUMED

Mayor Jeff Bearden resumed the meeting at 12:10 p.m., with Mr. Grant continuing with detailing the budget by department. Salaries and Demolition expenses in the Code Enforcement budget need to be adjusted, and the commission authorized Mr. Grant to add not more than \$20,000 to the total Code Enforcement Budget, as needed.

It was agreed to continue working on the budget at a meeting to be scheduled within the next two weeks.

PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A TAX RATE

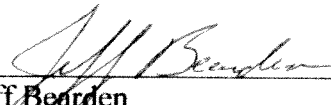
Commissioner Dennis made a motion to place a proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.374244 / per \$100 valuation on the agenda for the regular City Commission meeting on August 25, 2009.

Commissioner Brownlow seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Since the proposal to adopt the effective tax rate was approved, there will be no requirement to hold Public Hearings on the tax rate.

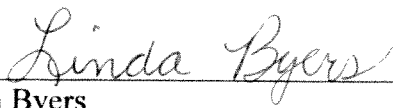
ADJOURN

Mayor Bearden declared the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.



Jeff Bearden
Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Byers
City Secretary