

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 15, 2017

6:00 P.M.

Mayor John Sellers called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor John Sellers
Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Aguilar – left 7:35
Councilman Craig Johnson – left 6:45
Councilman Clay Walker
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilwoman Emily Glass
Councilman Dan Froneberger

Staff:

Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Peter Karstens, Finance Director
Lesa Smith, Budget Analyst
Jay Sanders, Police Chief
Tory Niewiadomski, Community Development Director
Hope Cain, Director Library Services
Russ Nuss, Director Public Works
Robert Lee, Director Utilities
Gordon Frazier, Director Human Services
Kevin McCarty, Director Parks & Recreation
Joey Baker, Director Airport / Tourism

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Sellers led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag as well as the Pledge to the Texas Flag and Councilman Froneberger led the invocation.

DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET

Peter Karstens, Director of Finance, presented a summary of highlights from the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 to the City Council. The department heads were available to answer any questions. There was a general discussion and Mr. Karstens gave a thorough presentation, answering all questions.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MOTION TO PLACE A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUE ON THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2017, CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND TO SCHEDULE TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

Director of Finance, Peter Karstens, explained that two (2) public hearings had to be scheduled as well as the date to vote on the proposed budget that would bring about the proposed tax increase. Councilwoman Glass made a motion to place the proposal to adopt a 44-cent property tax rate on the agenda of the September 5, 2017, regular City Council meeting, for consideration which if adopted would result in a tax increase and to schedule two public hearings for August 25, 2017 at 12:00PM (noon) and August 29, 2017 at 12:00PM (noon). Councilman Walker seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Walker, Taylor, Glass, Froneberger, Sellers
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.

The motion carried.

This is an increase in overall tax revenue but not an increase in the tax rate.

ADJOURN

With no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Sellers at 8:00p.m.