

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 23, 2016
12:00 P.M.**

Mayor Glass called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 12:00 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Emily Glass
Mayor Pro Tem Clay Walker
Councilman Craig Johnson
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilman John Sellers

Absent: Councilwoman Kayla Price-Mitchell

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Peter Karstens, Finance Director
Lesa Smith, Budget Analyst
Robert Lee, Utilities Director

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Glass led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag as well as the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Mayor Glass also led in the invocation.

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

A public hearing was opened to hear comments regarding the proposed tax increase. There was no one to speak to the issue. The public hearing was closed. The City Council will vote on this issue at the next regularly scheduled meeting set for September 6, 2016 at 7:00p.m. at the Municipal Building.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO GARVER ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report. The original *Request For Qualifications* which ended with the selection of Garver Engineering included contraction administration and observation. This is a highly technical project and requires a high level of construction administration and observation. The project bidding will consist of a base bid and an alternate for construction of the very important headworks. In today's market total estimate is around \$16,000,000.00 for the base bid and \$2,000,000.00 for the headworks for a total of \$18,000,000.00. After a morning of negotiating, staff and Garver ended at a proposed engineering fee of \$1,160,777.00 for the base bid or 7.3% of anticipated construction costs and \$1,197,777.00 for the base plus the head work or 6.7%. Staff recommends approval of the proposed contract addendum

for construction administration and observation for the base bid of \$1,107,237.00 and \$1,144,237.00 if the headworks alternate is selected. There was a lengthy general discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Sellers moved to approve the addendum at the reduced rate. Councilman Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

ADJOURN

With no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Glass at 12:14 p.m.