

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 17, 2006

5:30 P.M.

Mayor Freddie Taylor called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Freddie Taylor
Mayor Pro Tem Yolanda Williams
Councilman Garry Jordan
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Larry Powers
Councilman Chris Brown

Staff:

Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney
Peter Karstens, Finance Director
Johnny Vance, Director of Community Development
Gordon Frazier, Human Resources Director
Jim Bayuk, Police Chief
Gerry Cleaver, Fire Chief
Cheryl Lawson, Library Director
Craig Vaughn, Director of Utilities
Joey Baker, Director of Aviation/Tourism
Phyllis Rogers, Municipal Judge
Roger Feagley, EDC Director

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Freddie Taylor led in the pledge of allegiance and Councilman Oscar Aguilar led the invocation.

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 1,274.6 ACRES WITH APPROXIMATELY 11 FAMILIES RESIDING IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA. THE PROPERTIES IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREAS ARE DESCRIBED AS TRACTS 1, 3, 92-11, 100, 158, 158-11, 160, 202-02, 205, 206, 207, 210, 211, 213, 222-22, 231, 231-01, 233, 234, 234-01, 235, 235-01, 235-02, 236, 239, 241, 241-02, 241-03, 241-04, 241-06, 241-07, 241-08, 242, 244, 246, 246-03, 250, 252, 255, 265, 268, 269, 270, 271, 273, 274, 280, OF ABSTRACT 1102, TRACT 1 OF ABSTRACT 1102-001, TRACTS 3-10, 3-20, 22, 45, 45-01, 51-01, 200, 200-01, 202 OF ABSTRACT 39, AND TRACTS 2-40 AND 2-50 OF ABSTRACT 39-200

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing. City Manager Marc Maxwell explained the service plan for annexation.

Nancy Glasco, a resident of Grand Prairie but owner of the Wisenbaker properties, addressed the City Council. Ms. Glasco stated that she is against the annexation and the property is used for raising cattle, horses, and hay. She does not believe there will be any development in the area.

Donna Edgar stated that she did not want to pay city taxes and not receive city services.

Time Kelty stated this was a difficult situation and the entire city has to be considered when building a major thoroughfare. There is no road yet so there may be no development. He stated there were no services on Loop 301 because there has been no development in that area. He believes the decision to annex should be based on the direction the city grows in the future.

There were several others present that chose not to speak.

The public hearing was closed.

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 BUDGET

EDC Director Roger Feagley presented a power point overview of the EDC budget. Finance Director Peter Karstens quickly reviewed the basics of the budget as presented at the August 8, 2006 special meeting and then review each department budget with the City Council. The department heads listed were available to answer questions concerning specific line items.

DISCUSSION/ACTION TO VOTE TO PROPOSE A TAX INCREASE AND SCHEDULE TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

Financial Director Peter Karstens explained that two (2) public hearings had to be scheduled. After due consideration Councilman Chris Brown made a motion to hold the public hearings at 5:30 p.m. on August 28th and noon on August 31st. Councilman Oscar Aguilar seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Brown, Aguilar, Taylor, Jordan, and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: None

(Larry Powers had to leave prior to the action on this item)

VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM

None.

ADJOURN

With no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned by the Mayor Freddie Taylor at 7:55 p.m.