

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 14, 2008

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Oscar Aguilar called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 6:03 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Oscar Aguilar
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Spraggins
Councilman Garry Jordan
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilman Chris Brown
Councilman Charles Oxford

Absent: Councilman Clay Walker

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Peter Karstens, Finance Director
Johnny Vance, Director of Community Development
Craig Vaughn, Director of Utilities
Kevin McCarty, Parks Director
Gordon Frazier, Human Resources Director
Cheryl Lawson, Director of Library Services
Jim Bayuk, Chief of Police
Gerry Cleaver, Fire Chief
Joey Baker, Director of Tourism/Airport

DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 BUDGET

Peter Karstens, Director of Finance, presented a summary of highlights from the proposed budget for fiscal year 2008-09 to the City Council. The department heads were available to answer any questions. Mr. Karstens gave a thorough presentation. There was a general discussion but no changes were proposed to the budget.

There was a brief recess from 7:34 p.m. until 7:49 pm. due to the length of the meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION TO VOTE TO PROPOSE A TAX INCREASE AND 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. Councilman Spraggins made a motion to hold the public hearings at noon on August 25th and August 28th and the vote would be scheduled for the September 2, 2008 regular City Council meeting. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM

Councilman Brown reminded everyone that Senator Deuell would be at the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. on August 28, 2008.

Finance Director Peter Karstens reminded the City Council of the importance of the scheduled meetings due to time constraints.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.