

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 12, 2014

6:00P.M.

Mayor Freddie Taylor called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Freddie Taylor
Mayor Pro Tern Kayla Price
Councilman Craig Johnson
Councilwoman Emily Glass
Councilman John Sellers

Absent: Councilman Clay Walker
Councilman Oscar Aguilar

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Peter Karstens, Finance Director
Joey Baker, Airport/Tourism Director
Shane Shepard, Community Development Director
Robert Lee, Director of Utilities
Kevin McCarty, Parks Director
Gordon Frazier, Human Resources Director
Hope Cain, Director of Library Services
Jay Sanders, Chief of Police
Eric Hill, Fire Chief
Phyllis Rogers, Municipal Court Judge
Russ Nuss, Public Works Director

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Taylor led in the pledge of allegiance to the United State Flag, the Texas Flag and the invocation.

DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET

Peter Karstens, Director of Finance, presented a summary of highlights from the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 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 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 Johnson made a motion to place the proposal to adopt a 44-cent property tax rate on the agenda of the September 2, 2014, regular City Council meeting, for consideration which if adopted would result in a tax increase and to schedule two public hearings for August 21, 2014 at 11:30AM and August 26, 2014 at 12:00PM (noon). Councilman John Sellers seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

Councilman Johnson stated that this is an increase in overall tax revenue but not an increase in the tax rate.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting adjourned at 8:03p.m.