

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 11, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Gary Spraggins called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Gary Spraggins
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brown
Councilman Craig Johnson
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Charles Oxford

Absent: Councilman Clay Walker
Councilman Taylor

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
Phyllis Rogers, Municipal Court Judge

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Spraggins led in the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT/AGREEMENT WITH ARCHITECT PLES SCHNITZ FOR THE DESIGN SERVICES OF THE MAIN STREET MARKET

City Manager Marc Maxwell presented the staff report. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Aguilar moved to approve the contract/agreement. Councilman Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET

Peter Karstens, Director of Finance, presented a summary of highlights from the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009-10 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.

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 Aguilar made a motion to place proposal to adopt a 44-cent property tax rate on the agenda of the September 1, 2009 regular City Council meeting for consideration which if adopted would result in a tax increase and to schedule two public hearings for August 24, 2009 at noon and August 27, 2009 at noon. Councilman Oxford seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC FORUM

None.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.