

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**AUGUST 14, 2012**

**6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Johnson called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 6:12 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Craig Johnson  
Councilman Clay Walker  
Councilman Oscar Aguilar  
Councilman Freddie Taylor  
Councilman Gary Spraggins – 710P  
Councilwoman Kayla Price

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Sellers

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager  
Gale Roberts, City Secretary  
Peter Karstens, Finance Director  
Gordon Frazier, Director of Human Resources  
Robert Lee, Director of Utilities  
Jim Bayuk, Police Chief  
Gerry Cleaver, Fire Chief  
Joey Baker, Director of Tourism/Airport  
Phyllis Rogers, Municipal Court Judge

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Johnson led in the pledge of allegiance and Councilman Taylor led the invocation.

**DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET**

Finance Director Peter Karstens presented a summary of highlights from the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012 – 13 to the City Council. The department heads were available to answer any questions regarding their respective budgets. 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**

Finance Director 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. Mayor Johnson made a motion to place proposal to adopt a 44-cent property tax rate on the agenda of the September 4, 2012 regular City Council meeting for consideration which, if adopted, would result in a tax increase. Councilman Spraggins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The two public hearings will be conducted August 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. and August 28, 2012 at noon.

**The motion carried.**

**VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.