MINUTES OF **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING,** HELD ON **AUGUST 4, 2003** AT 6:00 P.M., AT CITY HALL, 401 MARKET STREET, TOMBALL, TEXAS 77375.

1.0   MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR HARRINGTON. OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

       COUNCILMAN MARTIN
       COUNCILMAN GATLIN
       COUNCILMAN STOVALL
       COUNCILMAN FORD
       COUNCILMAN HOLLAND

OTHERS PRESENT:

       CITY MANAGER – BEN GRIFFIN
       ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER – MARY COKER
       CITY ATTORNEY – BILL OLSON
       CITY SECRETARY – DORIS SPEER
       CHIEF OF POLICE – MICHAEL BLAKE
       DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – MARK MCCLURE
       FINANCE DIRECTOR – SHERRIE MATTSON
       FIRE MARSHALL – GENE WHITENACK
       CITY ENGINEER – DAVID KELLY

2.0   COUNCIL ENTERED INTO WORKSHOP REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 BUDGET:

2.1   BEN GRIFFIN PRESENTED BUDGET SUMMARY AND COMPARISONS

2.2   BEN GRIFFIN AND MARY COKER PRESENTED PERSONNEL SUMMARY

2.3   BEN GRIFFIN ADVISED THAT THE BUDGET INCLUDES A 5 PERCENT INCREASE IN GARBAGE RATES AND A 15 PERCENT AVERAGE INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER RATES.

       2.3. (A)   THE 2-INCH WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER RATES.

2.4   THE NEW CUSTOMER GAS RATE WILL BE $9.12/MCF.

2.5   THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES WERE PRESENTED.

2.6   THE DEBT SERVICE/PROPERTY TAX RATE WAS DISCUSSED. THE TAX RATE WILL REMAIN AT $0.28 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING POSSIBILITIES OF FORMING A FIRE DISTRICT IN THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE TOMBALL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. COUNCILMAN GATLIN REQUESTED DEFERRING PURCHASE OF COMMAND TRUCK UNTIL AMOUNT OF REVENUES FROM BILLING INSURANCE COMPANIES IS DETERMINED. CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL IS TO PURSUE FORMATION OF FIRE DISTRICT IN ETJ. EARLIEST ELECTION DATES WOULD BE FEBRUARY OR MAY 2004.

3.0   MAYOR HARRINGTON ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:50 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

(signed) Doris J. Speer   *(signed) H. G. Harrington*
DORIS J. SPEER, TRMC   H. G. HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY   MAYOR