

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**, HELD ON **MONDAY, JULY 25, 2005** 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 FORD
COUNCILMAN FAGAN
COUNCILMAN GATLIN
COUNCILMAN DRIVER

MEMBERS ABSENT:

COUNCILMAN QUINN - EXCUSED

OTHERS PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER – BEN GRIFFIN
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER – MARY COKER
CITY SECRETARY – DORIS SPEER
POLICE CHIEF – MICHAEL BLAKE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – ROD HAINEY
FINANCE DIRECTOR – SHERRIE MATTSON
FIRE CHIEF – RANDY PARR

- 2.0 NO PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED.
- 3.0 COUNCIL ENTERED INTO WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 BUDGET:

3.1 OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS PRESENTED BY BEN GRIFFIN:

- 3.1.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – BUDGET HAS BEEN INCREASED FOR NEW WATER WELL; ADDITIONAL FUNDS BUDGETED FOR SEWER PIPE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM; ADDITIONAL FUNDS BUDGETED FOR HERITAGE PLAZA FOUNTAIN.

COUNCILMAN DRIVER REQUESTED CITY ATTEMPT TO HOLD FUTURE INCREASES IN OPERATING BUDGET TO 7% FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS IN EFFORT TO AVOID RAISING AD VALOREM TAX RATE. BEN GRIFFIN ADVISED THAT MAJOR SPIKES IN 1999-2000 AND 2002-2003 WERE DUE TO INCREASED DEBT SERVICE.

3.1.2 UTILITY RATES - BEN GRIFFIN RECOMMENDED:

- A. A 5% INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER RATES;

B. THAT CITY STAFF SOLICIT BIDS FOR SANITATION SERVICE,
REQUIRING HIGH-LEVEL OF SERVICE AS PART OF BID.

3.1.3 TAX RATE WILL REMAIN AT \$0.28/\$100 VALUE.

3.1.4 PERSONNEL – DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING ADOPTION OF FIVE-
YEAR VESTING AND 20- YEAR RETIREMENT. CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL IS
TO ADOPT 5-YEAR VESTING AND 20-YEAR RETIREMENT PROVISIONS.

MARY COKER ADVISED THAT FUNDS HAVE BEEN BUDGETED FOR
POTENTIAL INCREASE IN HEALTH INSURANCE RATES; CITY STAFF WILL
OPEN PROPOSALS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE ON JULY 28, 2005.

3.1.5 DISTRIBUTION OF HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS – CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL
WAS TO APPROVE REQUEST BY TOMBALL SISTER CITY ORGANIZATION
FOR INCREASED FUNDING. COUNCIL REQUESTED CITY STAFF TO ASK
ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS TO DOCUMENT
INCREASED HOTEL USAGE.

3.1.6 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

4.0 MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DRIVER TO ADJOURN; SECOND BY
COUNCILMAN GATLIN.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

(signed) Doris Speer
DORIS SPEER, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY

(signed) H. G. Harrington
H. G. HARRINGTON
MAYOR