

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**, HELD ON **MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006** AT **5:00 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 QUINN
COUNCILMAN LAZENBY
COUNCILMAN FAGAN
COUNCILMAN HARVEY
COUNCILMAN DRIVER

OTHERS PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER – BEN GRIFFIN
CITY ATTORNEY – BILL OLSON
CITY ATTORNEY – DAVID OLSON
CITY SECRETARY – DORIS SPEER
CHIEF OF POLICE – MICHAEL BLAKE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – ROD HAINEY
FIRE CHIEF – RANDY PARR
FINANCE DIRECTOR – SHERRIE MATTSON
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES – LISA COE
CITY ENGINEER – JOE SHERWIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-TEDC – BETTY REINBECK

- 2.0 NO PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED.

- 3.0 COUNCIL ENTERED INTO WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET:

- 3.1 AN OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET WAS PRESENTED BY THE CITY MANAGER:

3.1.1 PERSONNEL

3.1.2 UTILITY RATES

THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN UTILITY RATE FOR THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER IS \$21.39 PER MONTH, WITH \$17.03 OF THAT INCREASE DUE TO THE INCREASE IN GAS PRICES.

EXPLANATIONS WERE PROVIDED REGARDING USE OF SALES TAX REVENUES OR TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO LOWER UTILITY BILLS; THESE ACTIONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED GOOD ACCOUNTING PRACTICES AND WOULD LOWER THE CREDIT WORTHINESS OF THE CITY.

- 3.1.2.1 WATER
- 3.1.2.2 SEWER
- 3.1.2.3 GAS

BEN GRIFFIN ADVISED THAT, IF THE MARKET MOVES BACK TO \$8.50/MCF OR LESS FOR GAS, HE WILL TRY TO LOCK IN THE RATE.

- 3.1.2.4 SANITATION

BEN GRIFFIN ADVISED THAT WASTE MANAGEMENT'S REQUEST FOR A FUEL ADJUSTMENT WAS A FAIR REQUEST. CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL WAS UNANIMOUS IN ACCEPTING THE REQUEST BY WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR A 2.2% FUEL ADJUSTMENT.

- 3.1.3 TAX RATE

THE 2006 TAX RATE IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN AT \$0.28/\$100 VALUATION.

- 3.1.4 REVIEW OF CAPITAL ITEMS

RANDY PARR ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO LIMITATION ON THE AGE OF FIRE TRUCKS AS LONG AS THEY CAN PERFORM THEIR DESIGNATED FUNCTION. THE TWO 1995 PUMPERS ARE STILL IN GOOD SHAPE AND COULD BE SOLD OR TRADED FOR NEWER EQUIPMENT; HE SUGGESTED THAT THE CITY USE A TRUCK BROKER TO SELL FIRE EQUIPMENT. RANDY PARR ADVISED THAT THE CITY NEEDS A 75-FT. LADDER TRUCK FOR THE SOUTHSIDE STATION. CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL WAS UNANIMOUS IN ACCEPTING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION RENOVATIONS. RANDY PARR ADVISED THE BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO BUILD A SECOND FLOOR ABOVE THE FIRST FOUR BAYS IN ORDER TO CREATE MALE-FEMALE FACILITIES. A GENERATOR BACKUP IS ALSO IN THE 2006-07 BUDGET.

- 3.1.5 DISTRIBUTION OF HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS

REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION FOR \$83,000 OF THE HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS FOR THE 2007 CENTENNIAL EVENTS. CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL WAS TO DESIGNATE \$83,000 OF THE HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS FOR THE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION, IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT FUNDS PROVIDED.

3.1.6 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING VARIOUS CAPITAL ITEMS. RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE BY COUNCILMAN HARVEY TO CHANGE THE PRIORITIES OF THE 800 REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM AND THE PRIORITY OF THE BAR CODING FOR THE EVIDENCE FROM DESIRABLE TO NECESSARY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING COUNCIL STIPENDS AND MEMBERSHIPS IN LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS. CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL WAS TO MAKE NO CHANGE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HARVEY TO CONSIDER ADDING POWER PROTECTION TO THE REST OF THE CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS, IN ADDITION TO THE SOUTHSIDE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

4.0 SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.

(signed) Doris Speer
DORIS SPEER, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY

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