

MINUTES OF **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, HELD ON **JULY 14, 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 HOLLAND  
COUNCILMAN GATLIN  
COUNCILMAN STOVALL  
COUNCILMAN FORD

MEMBERS ABSENT:

COUNCILMAN MARTIN – EXCUSED

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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

2.1 MR. GRIFFIN REVIEWED THE BUDGET SUMMARY AND COMPARISONS, MAJOR ISSUES AND CAPITAL ITEMS.

2.2 HOTEL/MOTEL TAX ITEM WAS TABLED, PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT TAX REVENUE DISBURSEMENTS AND REPORTS FROM RECIPIENTS.

2.3 MARY COKER REVIEWED PERSONNEL ISSUES; ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON INSURANCE RATES WILL BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AT LATER DATE.

2.4 BEN GRIFFIN REVIEWED CURRENT GAS PRICES AND SUBMITTED PROPOSED INCREASES IN UTILITY RATES AND A POSSIBLE INCREASE IN THE PROPERTY TAX RATE IN FUTURE BUDGET YEARS WERE DISCUSSED. COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT EQUITY OF INCREASES IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL UTILITY RATES.

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MAYOR HARRINGTON CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE RECESS AT 7:50 P.M.; COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 8:00 P.M.

2.5 CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL IS THAT COMMERCIAL RATES SHOULD BE INCREASED AT THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS RESIDENTIAL RATES. BEN GRIFFIN WILL BRING REVISED RATES TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

2.6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WERE DISCUSSED. A FUTURE WORKSHOP WILL BE SCHEDULED TO PRIORITIZE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

COUNCILMEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING REDUCTION OF RESERVE FUNDS, POSSIBLE INCREASES IN UTILITY AND PROPERTY TAX RATES, AND LONG-RANGE AND INTERMEDIATE CITY PLANNING.

3.0 MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN STOVALL TO ADJOURN; SECOND BY COUNCILMAN HOLLAND.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

(signed) Doris J. Speer  
DORIS J. SPEER, TRMC  
CITY SECRETARY

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