

September 13, 2005

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. 5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Philip B. Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Browning led all in the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Philip B. Harrison, Aldermen Wayne Browning, Monte D. Richardson, Carol H. Courville and Jerome Peters; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Attorney Charley Smith. Alderman James A. "Jim" Bishop arrived at 5:35 p.m.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderwoman Courville to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. BUDGET HEARING

Alderman Peters objected to the automatic meter reading devices (\$70,000.00) and street resurfacing (\$100,000.00). He wished to see the fuel line items increased due to the high cost of fuel.

The budget hearing ended at 6:15 p.m.

6. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderwoman Courville to adopt the 2005-2006 fiscal year budget as presented. Alderman Richardson seconded the motion. Mayor Harrison called for comments. The following motions were made:

A motion was made by Alderman Peters to amend the budget by deleting \$70,000.00 from the Electric Department budget for the automatic meter reading devices. Mayor Harrison called for a vote once, twice and three times. The motion died for the lack of a second.

A motion was made by Alderman Peters to amend the budget by deleting \$100,000.00 from the Street Department budget (101.012.5.914.00) for street resurfacing. Mayor Harrison called for a vote once, twice and three times. Motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Alderman Peters to amend the budget by increasing the fuel line items in all departments from \$85,000.00 to \$144,000.00. This increase would be divided among all departments with a fuel line item. Alderman Richardson then seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Harrison called on a vote to adopt the 2005-2006 fiscal year budget with the fuel amendment. Alderman Richardson, Bishop and Courville voted aye and Alderman Browning and Peters were opposed. The budget passed with the fuel amendment.

A motion was then made by Alderman Richardson to adopt Ordinance #1296 approving and adopting the 2005-2006 budget. Alderwoman Courville seconded the motion. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Alderman Richardson, Bishop and Courville voted aye and Alderman Browning and Peters were opposed. The motion carried.

7. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2005 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Bishop that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .3600 (per \$100.00 valuation). Mayor Harrison called for a second to the motion once, twice and three times. The motion died for the lack of a second.

A motion was made by Alderman Bishop to adopt the tax rate of .3600. Alderman Browning then seconded the motion. Alderman Bishop restated his motion that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of a .3600 tax rate.

Mayor Harrison called for discussion and then a vote. Alderman Bishop and Courville voted aye and Alderman Browning, Richardson and Peters were opposed. Motion did not pass.

A motion was then made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Browning that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .3434 (per \$100.00 valuation). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Richardson to adopt Ordinance #1297 as amended. Alderman Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

An item will be placed on the next agenda to amend the budget to reduce the tax revenue.

8. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:45 p.m.

9 EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071
PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

Executive Session convened at 6:50 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

11. OPEN SESSION RE-CONVENED

Open Session re-convened at 8:16 p.m.

12. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION
NECESSARY

No action taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderwoman Courville, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.