

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Sanders called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Norman R. Sanders
Councilman Jimmy D. Lucas
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilman Jeff Sanderson
Councilman Doug Moore
Councilman John A. Sellers

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Armstrong

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Lesa Smith, Finance Director
Gordon Frazier, HR Director
Jason Ricketson, Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sanders called the meeting to order at 7PM.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Sanders led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag, the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Councilman Moore led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

**CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SCOPE AND BUDGET
IMPACT OF THE PROPOSITION FOR WHICH AN ELECTION WILL BE
CONDUCTED NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

Proposition A

Authorizing the Sulphur Springs Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation to use proceeds of its existing one half of one percent sales and use tax, including any amount previously collected and amounts to be collected in the future up to \$200,000 per year for 20 years, for the purposes of construction and maintenance of specific categories of projects that qualify under Texas Local Government Code Annotated Section 505.152, including buildings, equipment, facilities and improvements required or suitable for use by the Sulphur Springs Parks Department at the Sulphur Springs Parks Department Pacific Park and the Sulphur Springs Parks Department Senior Activities Center, all as permitted by Texas Local Government Code Annotated Section 504.152.

Mayor Sanders opened the public hearing at 7:02p.m.

There was no one to speak to the issue.

Mayor Sanders closed the public hearing at 7:05p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2751, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019

Finance Director Smith presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Sellers moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Moore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2752, THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS FOR FY 2019-2020

Finance Director Smith presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Moore moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2753 SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020

Finance Director Smith presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Glass moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a

tax rate of \$.44 per \$100 which is effectively a 5.53 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilman Moore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2754 SETTING THE SANITATION RATE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020

Finance Director Smith presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Sanderson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2755 SETTING THE WATER RATE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020

Finance Director Smith presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Sellers moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2756, SETTING THE SEWER RATE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020

Finance Director Smith presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Taylor moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Moore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2757, AUTHORIZATION OF UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS

Human Resources Director Frazier presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Moore moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2758, ADOPTING NEW GAS RATES FOR ATMOS MID-TEX PURSUANT TO A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE (ACSC) AND THE COMPANY TO RESOLVE PENDING RRM RATE FILING

City Manager Maxwell presented the staff report. There was no one to speak to the issue. Councilman Moore moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM

None.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.