

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Aguilar called the regular meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Craig Johnson
Councilman Clay Walker
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilwoman Emily Glass
Councilman Dan Froneberger

Absent: Mayor John Sellers

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Peter Karstens, Finance Director
Gordon Frazier, HR Director
Tory Niewiadomski, Community Development Director
Donnie Gaddis, SSPD
Roger Feagley, Executive EDC Director
Glenda Bassham, EDC Retention Specialist

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag, the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Aguilar reminded everyone of the upcoming NETBIO event on October 6th as well as the free Stony Larue concert. He also reminded everyone of the Hopkins County Stew Festival which will be held October 28th.

It was noted that Mayor Sellers had to work and could not be at tonight's meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2712, SETTING FEES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Community Development Director Niewiadomski presented the staff report. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilwoman Glass 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. 2713, THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS FOR FY 2017-2018

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

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2714, SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report. There was a lengthy discussion. It was noted that the tax rate is the same as it has been for the last fourteen (14) years. Jay Julian spoke against the ordinance. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.44, which is effectively a 2.66% increase in the tax rate, noting that the City is not increasing the tax rate and adopting the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Walker seconded and the vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Johnson, Walker, Aguilar, Taylor, Glass
Nays:	Froneberger
Abstain:	None

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2715, SETTING THE WATER RATE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Walker moved to adopt the ordinance

on the second and final reading. Councilwoman Glass seconded and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Taylor, Glass, Johnson, Walker, Aguilar
Nays: Froneberger
Abstain: None

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2716, SETTING THE SEWER RATE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Walker moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilman Johnson seconded and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Walker, Johnson, Aguilar, Taylor, Glass
Nays: Froneberger
Abstain: None

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2717, SETTING THE SANITATION RATE FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilwoman Glass 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. 2718, AUTHORIZATION OF UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS

Human Resources Director Frazier presented the staff report. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson 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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET

Executive Director Roger Feagley presented the staff report. There was a lengthy discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Johnson moved to approve the budget as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM

Jay Julian stated that Coleman Park is a jewel in our community.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.