

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 13, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Mayor John Sellers called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor John Sellers
Mayor Pro Tem Freddie Taylor
Councilman Craig Johnson – 630P
Councilman Clay Walker
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilwoman Emily Glass
Councilwoman Kayla Price

Absent: None.

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Peter Karstens, Finance Director
Shane Shepard, Community Development Director
Robert Lee, Director of Utilities
Kevin McCarty, Parks Director
Gordon Frazier, Human Resources Director
Hope Cain, Director of Library Services
Jim Bayuk, Chief of Police
Eric Hill, Fire Chief
Phyllis Rogers, Municipal Court Judge
Russ Nuss, Public Works Director

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Sellers led in the pledge of allegiance to the United State Flag, the Texas Flag and Mayor Pro Tem Freddie Taylor led the invocation.

DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET

Peter Karstens, Director of Finance, presented a summary of highlights from the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 to the City Council. The department heads were available to answer any questions. Mr. Karstens gave a thorough presentation. There was a general discussion but no changes were proposed to the budget and only one minor grammatical correction.

DISCUSSION/ACTION TO VOTE TO PROPOSE A TAX INCREASE AND SCHEDULE TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

Director of Finance, Peter Karstens, explained that two (2) public hearings had to be scheduled as well as the date to vote on the proposed budget that would bring about the proposed tax increase. Councilwoman Price made a motion to place proposal to adopt a 44-cent property tax rate on the agenda of the September 3, 2013 regular City Council meeting for consideration which if adopted would result in a tax increase and to schedule two public hearings for August 22, 2013 at 1130AM and August 26, 2013 at 1130AM. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.