

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 13, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Sanders called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Norman R. Sanders
Mayor Pro Tem Erica Armstrong
Councilman Jimmy D. Lucas
Councilman Freddie Taylor
Councilman Jeff Sanderson
Councilman John A. Sellers

Absent: Councilman Doug Moore

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Lesa Smith, Finance Director
Tory Niewiadomski, Community Development Director
Jason Ricketson, Chief of Police
David James, Fire Chief / Fire Marshal
Hope Cain, Director Library Services
Russ Nuss, Director Public Works
James Jordan, Director Utilities
Gordon Frazier, Director Human Services
Kevin McCarty, Director Parks & Recreation
Joey Baker, Director Airport / Tourism
Jerry Maynard, Parks Department
Sarah Dicus, Events Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sanders called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Sanders led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag as well as the Pledge to the Texas Flag and Councilman Sellers led the invocation.

DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET

Lesa Smith, Finance Director, presented the draft budget by department. Every department head was available to speak to their budget if the City Council had any questions. There was a general discussion and Director Smith gave a very thorough presentation, answering all questions.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MOTION TO PLACE A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUE ON THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND TO SCHEDULE TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

Finance Director Smith 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. Councilman Sellers made a motion to place the proposal to adopt a 44-cent property tax rate on the agenda of the September 3, 2019, regular City Council meeting, for consideration which if adopted would result in a tax increase and to schedule two public hearings for August 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. and August 30, 2019 at 12:00PM (noon). Councilman Lucas seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

ADJOURN

With no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Sanders at 7:35 p.m.