

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2018 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jason Tabor.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mayor Jason Tabor Mayor Pro-tem Corey Jannett Councilmember Joe Carothers. Councilmember Jason O'Brien Councilmember Bubba Jannett City Manager Joe Dickson City Secretary Janet L. Davis
	Absent:	Councilmember Bill Pittman, excused City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

The invocation was given by and the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by City Manager Joe Dickson.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

a. Mayor Tabor presented the Proclamation of Achievement to Eagle Scout recipient Jacob A. Hoff.

Citizens' Comments: None

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Acceptance of infrastructure for the Orchard Country Estates Subdivision located at Ave. J and 2nd Street

City Manager Joe Dickson said the infrastructure in the 20-lot Orchard Country Estates Subdivision located at Ave. J and 2nd Street is completed per the city's design specifications and has been inspected by city staff. He said the developer has provided a certificate of completion and has submitted a 1 year warranty for the concrete street and drainage and detention pond. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to accept the infrastructure for the Orchard County Estates Subdivision located at Ave. J and 2nd Street. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Selection of carriers for employee, dependents, and retiree group medical, dental, vision, long-term disability, and life insurance benefits and authorizing execution of necessary documentation to initialize/continue coverage

City Manager Joe Dickson said Mr. Brett Bowers of IPS helped staff solicit proposals for the employee medical benefits package. He said TML-IEBP, the city's current carrier for medical insurance, offered a 5 percent increase in medical insurance premiums for current benefits. Mr. Dickson said The Standard offered comparable vision and dental plans but at a better cost than the current TML-IEBP benefits, and Hartford offered similar benefits as the current TML-IEBP plan but at a better premium and a 2 year rate guarantee for long term disability. He said Hartford currently provides life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance benefits and has offered a 2 year rate guarantee for those products as well. Mr. Bowers said he also looked at high deductible insurance plans and a flex plan that could be offered to employees should the city ever wish to expand coverage options for employees and their families. Motion by Councilmember Corey Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to select TML IEBP for the group medical insurance benefits, The Standard for dental and vision insurance benefits, and Hartford for long term disability, life, and AD&D insurance benefits, as recommended by staff. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing local artist Doug Hiser to paint mural on City Hall

Mayor Tabor said Doug Hiser, a Santa Fe graduate, has offered to paint an "Indian on a Horse" mural on the exterior wall of City Hall. He said the spear will have ten feathers, each bearing a name of a victim of the May 18 tragedy at the high school. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to authorize local artist Doug Hiser to paint the mural on the exterior wall of City Hall. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017

City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the proposed budget amendment which recognizes additional revenue and reallocates expenditures resulting in an increase to the fund balance of about \$264,765. Motion by Councilmember Corey Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to pass the first and final reading of an ordinance amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to seek proposals for professional audit services

City Manager Joe Dickson said Carr, Riggs, & Ingram was selected to conduct the audit for the fiscal years 2016 and 2017 when Council was forced to terminate the agreement with Sandersen and Scheffer because the 9/30/16 audit was incomplete and the deadline for submission to the bond investors and rating companies had passed. The 9/30/17 audit report has now been finalized and staff is requesting authorization to seek proposals for professional audit services for the 9/30/18 fiscal year and subsequent years. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to authorize staff to seek proposals for professional audit services. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution endorsing appointments and reappointments to the Galveston County United Board of Health

City Manager Joe Dickson said the Galveston County Commissioners' Court has submitted, for Council confirmation, three new appointments and four reappointments to the Galveston County United Board of Health. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adopt the resolution endorsing appointments and reappointments to the Galveston County United Board of Health. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Discussion of proposed tax rate, vote on proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year, and schedule public hearings, if necessary

City Manager Joe Dickson said we have discussed the effective tax rate calculations in budget workshops and we now have to schedule public hearings if Council wishes to propose any increase in the effective tax rate. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to propose an increase not to exceed 3 percent in the effective tax rate and to schedule public hearings for September 10 and September 13, 2018, at 7 p.m. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: budget workshop tentatively scheduled for August 30 at 7 p.m.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings

Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary