

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 31, 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 Bill Pittman
Councilmember Bubba Jannett
City Manager Joe Dickson
City Secretary Janet L. Davis
Absent: City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

Also present were: Director of Administrative Services Stacey Baker, Library Director Brenda Cheatham, and Street Superintendent Billy Creppon.

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.

Workshop: Council/staff Goal-Setting Worksession

Mayor Tabor thanked everyone for attending. He said he did a facebook post asking community members about goals for the city and he said he did receive many responses about taxes, parks and recreation programs and facilities, and security issues at City Hall. Mayor Tabor said he has been working on several projects including Comcast hot spots, CenterPoint's upgrade of street lights to LED, retaining HEB, attracting a high-end RV and boat storage facility, and discussions with Commissioner Giusti regarding the city's acquisition of Runge Park.

City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the goals discussed and prioritized during the June, 2015, workshop, and updated Council on items that have been accomplished or we have moved towards. He reminded Council that this is a time to talk goals, with money not a concern at this point.

Councilmember Bubba Jannett said cleanup of Hwy. 6 is still a priority noting the disrepair of the mobile home supply and repair business near Ave. T, and he also said we should probably consider high water rescue vehicles for future weather events. Councilmember Pittman said school districts are important to developers so we should pursue a possible sportsplex with fields for group activities, expansion of library programs and activities, continued expansion of water and sewer infrastructure, and upgrades to City Hall to address security concerns. Councilmember Corey Jannett said he would like to focus on a splash pad for the community and improved employee benefits. Councilmember O'Brien said good city vehicles and equipment are priority for providing good services to our constituents. Councilmember Carothers said the water and sewer master utility and land use plan is almost complete and we could perhaps expand our Section B sales tax to include parks projects in addition to

water and sewer and streets and roads. Street Superintendent Billy Creppon said we need to address how we improve streets because multiple road overlays are creating retention barriers causing drainage issues. Council discussed the need to increase our street paving program in order to adequately maintain the 90 miles of roads in the community. Options for improving the program were additional personnel so we can pave and mow at the same time, additional funding for materials, and possibly subcontracting some of the paving work.

Council prioritized the goals for 2018-2019 as follows:

Water and sewer expansion

Employee benefit improvements (street crew pay schedule increases; insurance and retirement benefits)

Expanded street improvements

Acquisition of high water rescue vehicles

Park expansion (community involvement; splash pad; sportsplex; acquisition of Runge Park)

Library expansion and improvements

City Hall remodeling (security improvements; expanded front work area; new furniture; upgraded equipment)

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary