

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 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 was: Street Superintendent Billy Creppon.

Workshop: Discussion of 2018/2019 general fund operating budget

City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed revenue expected to be received based upon historical projections and anticipated building activity. He said staff has proposed 2 new personnel positions for administration, development of a new website, social media archival services, and an increase in the retirement match from one and one-half to one to two to one. Council had questions about the retirement increase being retroactive or going forward and the 25-year amortization schedule for funding the plan. Mr. Dickson said the tax department budget remains constant with tax collection and appraisal services. Mr. Dickson also reviewed the proposed budgets of community services, parks, and the community center with most services remaining status quo except noting increased inspection services for the new school construction, no annexation expenses, and participation in the upcoming Heritage Festival activities. He said the library budget is status quo and we are still working toward expansion of the library facility. Street Superintendent Billy Creppon reviewed the new capital purchase requests consisting of a roller for street improvements and a dump truck along with 2.5 miles of proposed street improvements. He said they are working with the fire department on an emergency plan for equipment, personnel, and evacuations. Mayor Tabor said CenterPoint has offered to upgrade our street lights to LED so that should save electricity costs. Council discussed what would be needed if we doubled the miles of streets we improved and Mr. Creppon said he would need at least two more people and double the material cost. Mr. Creppon said the county bond issue should pay for about \$1.4M in street improvements this year. Mr. Dickson said the effective tax rate has been calculated at \$0.3220 so remaining at the current tax rate would equal a 1.3 percent increase to the effective rate. Council discussed striving to balance growth and services provided with the desire to maintain the tax rate.

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Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary