

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 7, 2019 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Jason Tabor.

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

Also in attendance were: Municipal Court Administrator Lisa Snider, Fire Marshal Tony Dauphine, Police Chief Philip Meadows, and Director of Administrative Services Stacey Baker.

Workshop: Discussion of 2019/2020 general fund operating budget

City Manager Joe Dickson discussed the effective tax rate that has been calculated by the Galveston County Tax Office and the current property tax rate which is the rate that was used to calculate projected property tax revenue in the proposed budget. He also reviewed the projected sales tax revenue which has increased about 2 percent in recent years. Mr. Dickson said we could add about \$27,000 to the proposed budget if we expect the sales tax revenue to increase by 3 percent. The proposed budgets for the civil service department and fire marshal are comparable to the previous year, and the permit fees for fire-related development permits and for burn permits were briefly discussed. The proposed budget for pollution control monitoring remained status quo, but the animal control expenses increased slightly. Municipal Court Administrator Lisa Snider reviewed the proposed municipal court budget focusing on necessary technology expenses to upgrade the workstation software from Windows 7 to Windows 10 since Microsoft will not be supporting Windows 7 after January 1, 2020. She said we could utilize the court technology funds for those upgrades. Public Safety Director/Police Chief Philip Meadows reviewed the proposed police department budget including requested adjustments to the wages of the dispatchers and administrative assistant to be more competitive with area agencies and hopefully retain our current staff. He also said additional funding was included to increase firearms training from annual to semi-annual, and recommended we consider an additional police officer position in order to allow the K9/officer duo to work a rotating shift rather than a regular shift. Chief Meadows said an additional officer would increase the budget by about \$66,611 for salary and benefits.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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JASON TABOR, MAYOR

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary