

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 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 Jason O'Brien Councilmember Fidencio Leija Councilmember IV Hoke City Manager Joe Dickson City Secretary Janet L. Davis
	Absent:	Councilmember Corey Jannett, excused City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

Also in attendance were: Municipal Court Administrator Lisa Snider, Police Chief Philip Meadows, Community Services Director Diana Steelquist, Library Director Brenda Cheatham, Street Superintendent Billy Creppon, and Director of Administrative Services Stacey Baker.

Workshop: Discussion of 2019/2020 general fund operating budget
City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the changes made to the proposed budget following the goal-setting workshop and previous workshops. Council discussed increased funding and methods (milling before overlaying) for street improvements, and the possibility of contracting milling services with the county or a private contractor rather than purchasing our own milling equipment at a cost of approximately \$570,000. Council explored other revenue sources like hotel occupancy tax, increased permit fees, and expanded sales tax base. Council also debated increasing the property tax rate to the maximum of 7.5 percent this year since this the last year we can go above 3.5 percent following the property tax reform legislation that will become effective next year. Council discussed the need to prepare for future growth in staff, particularly an additional building inspector and increased police force, and for increased mileage of streets improved each year. City Manager Joe Dickson reminded Council that the subsequent grant application for continued operations of the Santa Fe Strong Resiliency Center will require a 20 percent cash match unless our requested match waiver is approved again.

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary