

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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
Councilmember Corey Jannett
City Manager Joe Dickson
City Secretary Janet L. Davis

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

Mayor's and City Manager's Report: None

Citizens' Comments: None.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Discussion: Proposed 2019/20 general fund operating budget

City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the changes made in the proposed 2019/20 general fund operating budget since previous meetings, specifically an increase in the proposed sales tax revenue, the inclusion of resiliency center operations, a reduction in the medical insurance premiums for employees, and the addition of funds for recruitment services for a city manager, resulting in an increase to \$6,371,967. Council discussed the match requirement for the new VOCA grant application, the Runge Park lease, the increase in the retirement match for employees, an increased salary for a new city manager based upon recruitment firm projections, and an increase in the police force. Councilmember O'Brien said he does not see a reason to unnecessarily raise taxes, but Councilmember Leija said he wants to increase revenue for street improvements. Councilmember Pittman said growth is coming slowly so we need to grow our city staff and services slowly to match the actual growth.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance adopting the debt service fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to pass the first and final reading of an ordinance adopting the debt service fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance adopting the general fund operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to pass the first and final reading of an ordinance adopting the general fund operating budget in the amount of \$6,191,172 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019. The motion passed the roll call vote three to two. Those voting for: Councilmember Hoke, Councilmember Jannett, and Councilmember Pittman. Those voting against: Councilmember Leija and Councilmember O'Brien.

3. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate; date when ad valorem taxes become delinquent; rate as of assessment; providing for certain exemptions; penalty and interest for delinquent taxes and savings clause

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to pass the first and final reading of an ordinance establishing a \$0.3262 ad valorem tax rate, date when ad valorem taxes become delinquent; rate as of assessment; providing for certain exemptions; penalty and interest for delinquent taxes and savings clause. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Ratifying property tax revenue increase reflected in the 2019/20 general fund operating budget

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to ratify the \$157,640 increase in total property tax revenue than last year's budget, of which \$45,855 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Community potluck dinner this Sunday.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings
Regular council meeting next week.

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary