



**City Council Meeting Minutes
Budget Work Session
& Special Session
6:30 p.m.
July 31, 2008**

Council Present: Mayor Breitenstein, Council Member Walden, Council Member Neely, Council Member Isom, Council Member Tallent (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Absent: Council Member Maxfield, Council Member Smallwood

City Staff Present: Paulette Hartman, City Manager; Annabeth Robertson, Interim Police Chief; Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary; Duwayne Capps, Fire Chief; LaDonna Davis, Finance and Human Resources Manager; Mike Peacock, Management Assistant

Mayor Breitenstein announced a quorum was present and called the Budget Work Session and the Special Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding Rate Increase Request By I.E.S.I. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, introduced Norm Bulaich and Paul Hansen with I.E.S.I. Paul Hansen presented an update of the new recycling program. Norm Bulaich discussed the rate increase with Council Members. After discussion, Council Member Walden made a motion to table this item until the August 21, 2008 Council Meeting. Council Member Isom seconded the motion.

Motion Carried – 5-0. Absent: Council Member Maxfield, Council Member Smallwood

The special session recessed at 7:34 p.m.

The budget work session convened at 7:40 p.m.

II. Discuss Proposed General Fund Budget For Fiscal Year 2008/2009. (Hartman)

A. Discuss and Review Proposed General Fund Revenues:

1. Property Tax Revenues –

- a. Certified Tax Roll Prepared by Johnson County Appraisal District.
- b. Effective Tax Rate and Roll Back Tax Rate Calculations.

2. Other General Fund Revenue including Sales Tax, Permits and Fees and others.

B. Discuss and Review Proposed General Fund Expenditures:

- 1. Base Operating Budget by Department.
- 2. Additional Operational Needs and Requests.

- a. Compensation Proposals
- b. Additional Operational Needs Recommended For Funding
- c. All Department Budget Requests.

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented the proposed General Fund budget for fiscal year 2008/2009 along with information related to the effective tax rate and rollback tax rate calculations, and the certified tax rolls then answered questions by Council members.

III. Review And Discuss Items To Be Placed On August 7th Budget Work Session And Special Session Agenda Including 4A Economic Development Fund Budget, 4B Economic Development Fund Budget, Capital Improvement Projects Budget, And Debt Service Fund.
(Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item.

At this time, Paulette Hartman, City Manager, asked that Item V be discussed.

V. Discuss And Possible Action On Proposed Tax Rate For Fiscal Year 2008/2009 And Related Issues And Set Dates For Public Hearing. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item.

IV. Review And Discuss Timeline For Adoption Of Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget And Property Tax Rate. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item.

VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Merle Breitenstein, Mayor
City of Joshua, Texas

ATTEST:

Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary
City of Joshua, Texas