



**City Council Meeting Minutes
Budget Work Session
& Special Session
6:30 p.m.
August 11, 2008**

Council Present: Mayor Breitenstein, Council Member Smallwood, Council Member Neely, Council Member Maxfield

Absent: Council Member Isom, Council Member Walden, Council Member Tallent

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

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 And Review Proposal From ESCI Regarding Fire Department Planning Study.
(Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, introduced Lane Wintermute with ESCI. Mr. Wintermute presented a summary of the services provided by ESCI.

The special session recessed at 7:00 p.m.

The budget work session convened at 7:10 p.m.

II. Discuss Proposed 4A Economic Development Fund Budget For Fiscal Year 2008/2009.
(Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item.

III. Discuss Proposed 4B Economic Development Fund Budget For Fiscal Year 2008/2009.
(Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item.

IV. Discuss Proposed Capital Improvement Projects Budget For Fiscal Year 2008/2009 And Amendments For Fiscal Year 2007/2008. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. Greg Saunders, City Engineer, reviewed with Council the street department new projects. After discussion, general consensus was to do the repairs to the Animal Shelter in phases over the next several years.

V. Review And Questions Regarding Proposed General Fund Budget For Fiscal Year 2008/2009. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. After discussion, general consensus was to change merit increases from 4% - 7% to 0% - 7%.

VI. Review, Discuss and Take Record Vote On Proposed Tax Rate For Fiscal Year 2008/2009 And Set Dates For Public Hearings. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. After discussion, Council Member Smallwood made a motion to take a record vote on the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2008/2009 to a property tax increase to \$0.653476 and set the dates for public hearings on the proposed tax rate which will be August 21, 2008 at 7:00 pm and September 4, 2008 at 6:30 pm. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Breitenstein, Council Member Smallwood, Council Member Maxfield, Council Member Neely

Absent: Council Member Isom, Council Member Walden, Council Member Tallent

Council Member Neely seconded the motion.

Motion Carried – 4-0. Absent: Council Members Isom, Walden, Tallent

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

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item.

IX. Executive Session: The City Council shall convene in closed session in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code Section 551 to discuss the following:

A. §551.072 Deliberation Regarding Value And Purchase Of Real Property

Council did not convene into executive session.

X. No action taken.

XI. Adjournment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Merle Breitenstein, Mayor
City of Joshua, Texas

ATTEST:

Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary
City of Joshua, Texas