



Council Present: Mayor Breitenstein, Council Member Smallwood, Council Member Maxfield, Council Member Isom, Council Member Walden

Absent: Council Member Tallent, Council Member Neely

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

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

- A. **The Invocation was given by Council Member Smallwood.**
- B. **The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge was led by Council Member Maxfield.**
- C. **Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding A Proposed Ordinance Of The City Of Joshua, Texas, Approving And Adopting The Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning On October 1, 2008 And Ending September 30, 2009 And Making Appropriations For Each Department, Project And Account; Repealing Conflicting Ordinances; Providing A Severability Clause; And Declaring An Effective Date. (Hartman)**

Council Member Isom stated his concerns regarding the drainage issue on Running Brook. After discussion, Council Member Smallwood made a motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2008/2009. Council Member Maxfield seconded the motion.

Motion Carried – 5-0. Absent: Council Members Tallent and Neely

- D. **Act To Ratify The Property Tax Increase Reflected In The Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2008 And Ending September 30, 2009. (Hartman)**

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, explained item. Council Member Smallwood made a motion to ratify the tax increase reflected in the 2008/2009 budget. Council Member Isom seconded the motion.

Motion Carried – 5-0. Absent: Council Members Tallent and Neely

- E. **Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding A Proposed Ordinance Of The City Of Joshua, Texas, Affixing And Levying Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2008 And Ending September 30, 2009, And For Each Year Thereafter Until Otherwise Provided On All Taxable Property Within The Corporate Limits Of The City Of Joshua, As Of January 1, 2008, To Provide Revenues For The Payment Of Current Expenses And All Outstanding Debts Of The City; Directing The Assessment Thereof; Providing For Due Dates And Delinquent Dates For Payment Of Taxes Together With Penalties And Interest Thereon; Providing For Place Of Payment; Providing For Approval Of The Tax Rolls**

Presented To The City Council; Repealing Conflicting Ordinances; Providing For A Severability Clause And Declaring An Effective Date. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. Mayor Breitenstein moved that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.653476 per \$100 of valuation. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Breitenstein, Council Member Isom, Council Member Walden, Council Member Smallwood, Council Member Maxfield

Nays: None

Motion Carried – 5-0. Absent: Council Members Tallent and Neely

F. Adjournment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Merle Breitenstein, Mayor
City of Joshua, Texas

ATTEST:

Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary
City of Joshua, Texas