

Joshua City Council Minutes
August 4, 2009
Special Session – 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Merle Breitenstein, Mayor
Noelyn “Butch” Isom, Place 1
Glen Walden, Place 2
Cameron Smallwood, Place 3
A. J. Mathieu, Place 4
Tom Tallent, Place 5 (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
Bob Neely, Place 6

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Paulette Hartman, City Manager
Mike Peacock, Director of Operations
LaDonna Davis, Finance and Human Resources Manager
Annabeth Robertson, Chief of Police

I. SPECIAL SESSION – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Breitenstein called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. The invocation was given by Council Member Neely.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge was led by Council Member Smallwood.

C. BUDGET WORK SESSION:

1. Proposed General Fund Budget. (Hartman)

A. General Fund Revenues

B. General Fund Expenditures

i. Base Operating Budget

ii. Additional Operation Needs And Requests

iii. Requests Not Recommended For Funding

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented these items. The majority of the City Council reached consensus to recommend funding of all additional operation needs and requests as recommended for funding by the City Manager with the exception of the billing software as the decision has not been made yet whether the City will take over billing for solid waste collection services. In addition, the City Council asked staff for additional information on some of the recommended items to be presented during the August 13th budget work session.

2. Review And Discuss Budget Adoption Timeline. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented the timeline for the budget adoption.

3. Review And Discuss Items To Be Placed On August 13, 2009 Work Session. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item.

D. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discuss, Consider And Act On Proposed Tax Rate. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item and explained that the vote on the proposed tax rate needed to be a record vote in accordance with a new state law. After discussion, Council Member Tallent made a motion to approve a proposed tax rate of \$0.634331 per \$100 valuation. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Breitenstein, Mayor Pro Tem Walden, Council Members Isom, Smallwood, Mathieu, Tallent, and Neely

Nays:

Abstention:

Motion Carried – 7-0.

2. Set Date For Public Hearings On The Budget And Tax Rate. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. The dates set are August 20, 2009 at 7:00 pm for the first public hearing and September 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm for the second public hearing.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Merle Breitenstein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary

