



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PEARSALL
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Mary Moore called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL AND ANOUNCEMENT OF A QUORUM:
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary Moore, Mayor
James H. Leal, Mayor Pro Tem
Alex Hernandez, Council Member
Odilia Villarreal, Council Member
Mando Martinez, Council Member
Julian Hernandez, Council Member
Ben Briscoe, Council Member
Toby Lopez, Jr., Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jose "Pepe" Treviño, Interim City Manager
Estrellita Martinez, Deputy City Clerk
Krystal Garcia, City Clerk
Rudy Alvarez, Finance Director
Sylvia Rodriguez, City Attorney
Xavier Antu, Community Development Director
Ruben Frausto, Human Resources
Rudy Olivarez, Streets Dept. Manager
Ramiro Otero, Director of Parks Recreation
David Medrano, Library Director
Conrad Banda, Utility Supervisor
Peter Salinas, Pearsall Police Captain
Placido Aguilar, Fire Chief

The Mayor announced that there was a quorum and proceeded with the meeting.

3. INVOCATIONS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation By: Councilman Ben Briscoe

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by all in attendance

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and Consider accepting by Resolution No. 2015-08-02 the City of Pearsall's Proposed Annual Appropriations Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016 as submitted by the City Manager, Finance Director, and Administrative Staff.

Interim City Manager Jose Treviño advised the City Council this item is to accept budget as presented to the City Council by staff which will be reviewed in further workshops.

B. Discuss and Consider approving by resolution No. 2015-08-03 acceptance of the 2015 Appraisal Roll certified by Luciano Gonzales Chief Appraiser for the Frio county Appraisal District.

A motion to Discuss was made by Councilman Ben Briscoe, Second by Councilman Toby Lopez, Jr. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Interim City Manager Jose Treviño explained to the City Council that the Appraisal District provides the overall appraisal not the amount of Revenue we will see.

C. Discuss and Consider Resolution No. 2015-08-04 to establish an Ad-hoc City Fairgrounds Project Advisory Committee.

Interim City Manager Jose Treviño explained to the City Council that the scope of the committee needs to be established along with how many members it will consist of. After a brief discussion of having (3) or (4) council members serve on the committee; a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Leal upon the correction that (3) Council Members will serve on the committee, Second by Councilman Mando Martinez. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

D. Discuss and Consider Resolution No. 2015-08-05 to appoint members to the Ad-hoc City Fairground Advisory Committee.

After a brief discussion, the nominated committee members are: Jim Gates, Jaime Lopez, Lew Thompson, Manuel Chavana, Clayton Neal, Troy Shaw, Susan Belding, Mando Martinez, Ben Briscoe and James Leal.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Leal, Second by Councilman Ben Briscoe to accept the nominations. The Council voted (4) For, (0) Against, and (3) Abstain. Those voting For: Councilman Julian Hernandez, Councilman Toby Lopez, Jr., Councilwoman Odilia Villarreal, and Councilman Alex Hernandez. Those Abstain: Councilman Mando Martinez, Councilman Ben Briscoe, and Mayor Pro-Tem James Leal. Motion passes.

6. BUDGET WORKSHOP

A. Review and consider the Proposed Annual Appropriations Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016 as submitted by the City Manager, Finance Director, and Administrative Staff.

During budget discussion, the City Council along with city staff first spoke about salaries, went on to review a presentation done by Interim City Manager Jose Treviño which covered debt and tax schedule, budget priorities and staff salaries. Mayor Mary Moore invited Fire Chief Placido Aguilar to voice his requests. Fire Chief Placido Aguilar explained to City Council members that he is wanting to hire (2) employees as maintenance for the fire station as well as responding to calls Monday through Friday. He also suggested increasing the already standing stipend to City Employees to better attract more volunteers.

Mayor recessed meeting at 9:25 pm for Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED ON AUGUST 26, 2015 AT 7:09PM

ROLLCALL AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF A QUORUM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Moore, Mayor

Julian Hernandez, Council Member

Toby Lopez, Jr., Council Member

Odilia Villarreal, Council Member

Mando Martinez, Council Member

Ben Briscoe, Council Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: James Leal, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alex Hernandez, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Jose Treviño, Interim City Manager

Rudy Alvarez, Finance Director

Estrellita Martinez, Deputy City Clerk

Krystal Garcia, City Clerk

Xavier Antu, Community Development Director

Conrad Banda, Utility Supervisor

Ramiro Otero, Director of Parks & Recreation

Rudy Olivarez, Streets Supervisor

Rudy Carrizales, Gas Superintendent

Peter Salinas, Police Captain

A motion to reconvene was made by Councilman Julian Hernandez, Second by Councilman Toby Lopez, Jr.. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

THE CONTINUATION OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilman Ben Briscoe expressed concern over amount needing to be financed or borrowed in order to complete projects such as Gilliam Road, The Gas Line Project, and the purchasing of heavy equipment. Councilman Julian Hernandez and Councilman Toby Lopez, Jr. inquired about the Parks & Recreation increase in budget but the decrease in revenue. Director of Parks & Recreation Ramiro Otero explained that he is requesting to add 1 more employee along with purchasing 2 new scoreboards among other equipment. After a brief discussion the City Council members came to a consensus of increasing the Tax Rate by 0.06 cents.

Captain Peter Salinas approached the City Council with the request of adding 2 more Patrolman to the Police Department. The City Council agreed to increase the force to a total of 17 officers.

Finance Director Rudy Alvarez presented the City Council members with proposed dates of September 10th and September 16th for Tax Rate Hearings. After some discussion the City Council agreed. Finance Director Rudy Alvarez stated a meeting on September 29th would be to approve the Tax Rate and Budget.

7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

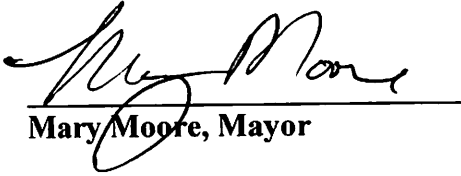
None

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business before the council and upon a motion made by Councilwoman Odilia Villarreal the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Approved this 8th day of September, 2005.


Mary Moore, Mayor


Krystal Garcia City Clerk