

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

COMMUNITY ROOM

JULY 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eric Barna called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Susie Quinn, City Secretary, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Eric Barna (arrived at 6:41 pm)

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui

Councilmember Ben St. Clair

Councilmember Sarah Fincanon

Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins

Councilmember Rob Thomas

3. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Discussion regarding the FY 2016 General Fund and Utility Fund Revenues and Expenditures and other associated budget discussions.

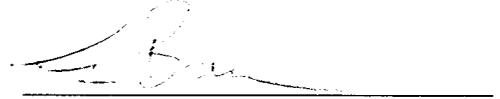
City Manager James Fisher and Finance Director Linda Truitt presented the General Fund and Utility Fund to members of Council and Staff present. A three percent (3%) raise for employees was discussed and consensus reached. The compensation study is still in progress and will be presented to Council at a future meeting. Virtual workspace purchase was also discussed and the fact that allowing working from home has definite advantages. Items listed that are going to be presented to MMDD and MCDC for potential funding were requested to have "the why" listed along with the items and dollars. There were discussions regarding Smart 911 and consensus was reached to wait until 2016-2017 and check to see if other cities/towns in the area adopt this technology before the city funds this item.

In regards to the Utility Fund, there were discussions by all on the water rate and potential concerns with the water rate. The months with the most water sold will be July, August and most of September, so it is impossible to predict the total loss in the Utility Revenues until those months have ended. Because this is one of the wettest springs and early summers that we have experienced in several years, it is increasing the gap of the guaranteed water purchased from the North Texas Municipal Water District and the water sold by the city. The consultant who conducted the rate study in 2014 suggested strongly that the water sales be monitored closely to ensure that the utility fund is adequately funded and adjustments to rates are made as needed. The consensus is to keep the water rates at the current rates and address needs for increasing it in the future, depending on water sales and the weather.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Barna adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

APPROVED BY:



Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susie Quinn, City Secretary