

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barna called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barna led the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

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

Mayor Eric Barna
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui
Councilmember Ben St. Clair
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Councilmember Sarah Fincanon
Councilmember Rob Thomas

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments for this meeting.

5. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. Consider and/or act upon the September 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

COUNCIL ACTION (5.A.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve minutes from the September 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

B. Consider and/or act upon approval of Ordinance Number 15-09-999 adopting the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget and appropriating funds to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the City's indebtedness, and appropriating funds to support the City of Murphy, Murphy Municipal Development District and Murphy Community Development Corporation for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$539,926 OR 5.46%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$200,093 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

There was no discussion on this item.

COUNCIL ACTION (5.B.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve Ordinance Number 15-09-999 adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016 and making the appropriations as reflected in said budget. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- C. Consider and/or act upon ratifying the property tax revenue increase reflected in the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget.

There was no discussion on this item.

COUNCIL ACTION (5.C.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve ratifying the property tax revenue increase reflected in the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- D. Consider and/or act upon approval of Ordinance Number 15-09-1000 levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Murphy for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016.

Council discussed that you can increase the tax rate but decrease the property value. There was no further discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION (5.D.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.530000, which is effectively a 3.57 percent increase in the tax rate and approve Ordinance Number 15-09-1000 establishing and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016, and for each fiscal year thereafter until otherwise provided. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- E. Consider and/or act upon approval of Ordinance Number 15-09-1001 amending the zoning classification on approximately 6.51 acres on property located at the southwest corner of Betsy Road and McCreary Road from SF-PH (Single Family Residential Patio Home) to a Planned Development District: Single Family Residential – Patio Home and Townhome with a concept plan.

The following changes were included in the Ordinance that was posted in the September 15, 2015 agenda packet:

- 1) In Exhibit B, Section 1.5, Table A, sub note 2, remove the wording '3-Part Stucco' and adding (Stucco is not an allowed masonry material)
- 2) In Exhibit B, Section 2.06, Adding the wording 'Construction of the fences along the western property line will be completed as one project as development construction begins.
- 3) All references to the fence above that stated six (6) feet are changed to eight (8) feet.

There was no discussion on this item.

COUNCIL ACTION (5.E.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve Ordinance Number 15-09-1001 amending the zoning classification on approximately 6.51 acres on property located at the southwest corner of Betsy Road and McCreary Road from SF-PH (Single Family Residential Patio Home) to a Planned Development District: Single Family Residential – Patio Home and Townhome with a concept plan. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. For: Mayor Barna, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley, Councilmember Spraggins and Councilmember Thomas. Against: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui, Councilmember St. Clair, and Councilmember Fincanon. The motion carried by a vote of 4-3.

- F. Consider and/or act upon approval of Ordinance Number 15-09-1002 adopting a new Code of Ordinances for the City of Murphy to be effective immediately upon its adoption.

There was no discussion on this item.

COUNCIL ACTION (5.F.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve Ordinance Number 15-09-1002 adopting a new Code of Ordinances for the City of Murphy to be effective immediately upon its adoption. Councilmember Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

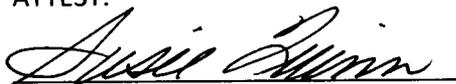
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

APPROVED BY:



Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susie Quinn, City Secretary

