

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
JULY 28, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO-TEM STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN GORDON
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOE ASHTON

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY
POLICE CHIEF AVIN CARTER
COMM CENT DIRECTOR SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD
ASST CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JAMES HATLEY
COMM CENT DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
EMERGENCY MGT CORD JAMES MYRICK

MEMBERS ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBER BRUCE SCOTT

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Earwood called the Special Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2014 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

PWD Hatley gave the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

PWD Hatley led the Pledges of Allegiances.

Mayor Earwood convened into a break at 5:32 pm. Mayor Earwood re-convened back into regular session at 5:40 pm.

4. DISCUSS 2014 TAX RATE: TAKE RECORD VOTE AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR AUGUST 19TH AND AUGUST 26TH. IF PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL EXCEED THE ROLLBACK RATE OR THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE (WHICHEVER IS LOWER), (MUST HAVE 2 PUBLIC HEARINGS IF PROPOSING TAX RATE THAT IS MORE THAN THE EFFECTIVE RATE).

CA Gregory reports that the 2014 Effective Tax Rate to decrease from .850351 to .810226 because of property values increasing.

Council Members discussed possibly keeping the tax rate the same at .850351 or decreasing it to .810226.

Member Gordon moved, seconded by Member Butler to keep the tax rate the same at .850351 and to call for Public Hearings on August 19th and August 26th, 2014.

5. WORKSHOP: FY 2014-2015 CITY OPERATIONAL BUDGET

Currently the Library and Public Works Departments were cut approximately \$170,000. The Fire Department and Community Center have increased. CS Gregory stated the 2% raise is not reflected in the budget presented which is a \$45,562 surplus.

Community Center-Council noticed 01-533-5252 is a new line item which is for swing sets. The \$1 donation account which has a balance of about \$2,800 which will be used for swing sets. 01-533-5256 has a \$2,400 increase which will be used for replacing things for Halloween, Christmas, etc. Council changed 01-533-5256 to \$1,600; 01-533-5133 to \$8,000; 01-533-5252 to \$0; 01-533-5494 (car show) to \$0 and have EDC fund the car show. This will bring the Community Center budget to \$114,703.

Park Department-most accounts have decreased and most of the accounts that have increased are uncontrollable expenses.

Emergency Management-there is an increase in car allowance. Also 513-5405 EMC software may or may not be needed. Therefore that account will be changed to \$0.

Public Works-

Garage-Travel is increased due to sending the mechanic to school for heavy equipment training. 519-5211 for tools will be reduced to \$500.

Street-Barricades is increased; Fabian is being moved over to the street department; 520-5274 is for replacing roads and we will be using Tarrant County for that; 520-5131 (Group Insurance) will be changed to \$17,947.

Sanitation-increase in contract labor due to the current company used is not reliable.

6. ACTION IF ANY FROM WORKSHOP

NONE

7. ADJOURN

At 8:17 pm, Member Butler moved, seconded by Member Ashton to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

ATTEST:


Marvin Gregory, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor