

CITY OF FULSHEAR



FULSHEAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES September 22, 2009

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

A workshop special meeting of the Fulshear City Council was called to order by Mayor, James W. Roberts at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in the Fulshear City Hall, 30603 FM 1093, Fulshear, Texas and all citizens were welcomed. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

James W. Roberts, Mayor
Dennis Clack
Stephen Gill
Laverne Patterson
Derek Einkauf

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Head, Police Chief
Kristina Brashear, City Treasurer
D. Gordon Offord, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

J. B. Collins, Jr

OTHERS PRESENT

Benny Risner
Charles Rajuai
Tommy Kuykendall
Larry Beustring

2. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A PROPERTY TAX RATE (.205921)

Received September 10, 2009 by letter from Tax Assessor Collector, Patsy Schultz. Patsy Schultz, Tax Assessor Collector for the City of Fulshear certify that anticipated tax collection rate for 2009 tax year for the City of Fulshear is estimated at 100%. Patsy Schultz, Tax Collector for the City of Fulshear, submits the following information from the 2009 Certified Appraisal Roll for your review:

- .Taxable Value of New Property is \$21,751, 116
- .Appraised Value of All Properties is \$273,155, 336
- .Taxable Value of All Properties is \$154, 401, 736

A motion was made by Alderman Einkauf to adopt a property tax rate (.205921) same as previous year. It was seconded by Alderwoman Patterson. The motion was carried forward by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Clack, Einkauf, Gill, and Alderwoman Patterson

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Collins

3. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AUSTRATEX PROJECT: 8045 FM 359 S. RD

Tommy Kuykendall stated that we need to revise our building permit procedure to outline for developers all city requirements and acceptable practices. This process should include environmental statement, parking spaces, landscaping, and the appropriate display for engineer seal.

A motion was made by Alderman Einkauf to approve Austratex project: 8045 FM 359 S. Rd. subject to recommendations by City Engineer, David Leyendecker. It was seconded by Alderman Gill. The motion was carried forward by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Clack, Einkauf, Gill, and Alderwoman Patterson

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Collins

Note: An error was made in numbering- no number four (4)

5. Consider and take action to appoint J. B. Collins as a member of the Regional Park Committee

A motion was made by Alderman Einkauf to appoint J. B. Collins as a member of the Regional Park Committee. It was seconded by Alderman Gill. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Clack, Einkauf, Gill, and Alderwoman Patterson

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Collins

6. Consider and take action to approve Fulshear Development Corporation (4B Corp) 2009/2010 budget

A motion was made by Alderman Gill to approve Fulshear Development Corporation (4A Corp) 2009/2010 budget. It was seconded by Alderman Einkauf. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Clack, Einkauf, Gill, and Alderwoman Patterson

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Collins

Mayor Roberts called for five (5) minute break to resume to the back room to discuss the City's' budget.

7. Discussion: City of Fulshear 2009/ 2010 Budget

City of Fulshear Budget was discussed in great detail among the members.

The Council started with the Police Department budget as the Chief Head needed to leave early. Mayor Roberts suggested adding funds for another Police officer. He stated other personnel might be needed in 2010 due to increased population in the Fulshear area. It is not set in stone that the position be filled but it would be available in case it is needed.

Kristina Brashear stated she expects to hear from TML (Texas Municipal League) shortly regarding health benefit offer for City employees. It is projected a savings will occur over our current provider.

Mayor Roberts stated he had suggested before changing the service provider for the phone system and electricity which is anticipated to be a savings of approximately \$21,000.00.

Mayor Roberts stated funds were put in the budget for two generators to operate the City in case of an emergency. We can expect a savings from the grant program which we requested generators (one for City Hall and one for the Community Center) Mr. Utley completed all the paperwork for this request. Notice has been received that we were approved for one generator (the one for City Hall). Mayor stated there will be a savings of one generator cost and possibly the second one too as a gentleman has indicator he will donate a generator to the City.

Alderman Einkauf asked the Police Chief what would be the benefit of an additional officer.

Police Chief Head stated we would have another fulltime 40-hour week. He stated right now we have 24 hour coverage Tuesday through Friday; and 16 hour coverage on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. This schedule allows for almost full coverage without consideration for vacation or people sick.

Chief Head with the adding of another officer his department would be very close to having fulltime coverage. It is estimated that the cost of an additional officer with benefits would be approximately \$50,000.00 to the budget.

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Alderman Einkauf stated there is a gap between 6a.m.-8a.m. in the morning. So actually there is 22 hours of coverage Tuesday through Friday.

After much discussion, Council agreed put in funds for an additional officer with designated time to fill the position.

Mayor Roberts stressed the need to add a figure in the budget to get water and sewer down FM 1093 as this will allow other developments to come into the City. He stated that the majority of this money will come from the school and other landowners along FM 1093. After much discussion, Council agreed that \$800,000.00 be added to the budget as recommended by City Engineer who did a presentation for this project at the last meeting.

Alderman Einkauf stated that we are currently holding up two projects; the developer at the corner of FM 1093 and Katy Fulshear Road and school district. We met several months ago with the landowners and every one of them wants this project. Alderman Einkauf stated we did not have 100% commitment to write the check but they all want this project to happen. \$800,000.00 expenditure would go into the budget to show that the City is committed and reimbursement would be coming from the landowners. Sixty-five (65%) are ready to write a check now and 35% will be ready in the future.

Alderman Gill asked if the legal agreement has been drawn –up. Mayor Roberts stated that all the legal stuff has been done by David Frishman. Mayor Roberts stated that Stefano and the Fulshear Business Park wants to see this project happen but maybe due to the economy they are not able to participate right now. The cost will incrementally go up for those owners who do not participate at the beginning of the project.

Mayor Roberts stated that the City has this money available and he needs a commitment to place this expenditure in the budget.

Tommy Kuykendall stated he has been working with a group of contractors who has money to do infrastructure. Of course, these inventors have to be comfortable with the entity. He suggested using them for maybe the water and sewer line and the Fulshear Park way.

Mayor Roberts stated we need to move forward with the water and sewer project down FM 1093 if we want to do it.

Alderman Einkauf stated we need to input the \$800,000.00 expenditure and show it as a reimbursement from the landowners. It will not change the budget any.

Alderman Gill asked if we can get the reimbursement this year. Alderman Einkauf stated it is not guaranteed for this year but it will happen in the future.

Alderman Einkauf stated that the School representatives are constantly calling his phone as they need this project to go through.

Kristina Brashear stated she planned to apply for a grant to assist with making the office building more energy efficient. Alderman Einkauf volunteered to assist her with the project.

The planned is to finalize the budget on September 29th or October 1st. Revisions are requested to be sent to Kristina by September 25, 2009.

The proposed budget will incorporate all suggested changes by Council.

8. ADJOURN

Alderman Einkauf made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Roberts stated we are now adjourned.

Mayor- James W. Roberts

ATTEST:

D. (Diana) Gordon Offord – City Secretary