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MEETING MINUTES
GRANITE SHOALS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AND BUDGET/TAX RATE PASSAGE
GRANITE SHOALS CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBER
2221 N. PHILLIPS RANCH RD, GRANITE SHOALS, TX 78654
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

1. Call To Order / Welcome at 6:01 PM by Mayor Brugger

Present:

Mayor Brugger
Mayor Pro Tem Shirley King
Council Member Anita Hisey (arrived 6:02 PM)
Council Member Eric Tanner
Council Member Tom Dillard
Council Member Mark Morren
Council Member Todd Holland

Absent:

Staff:

City Manager Ken Nickel
Assistant City Manager Peggy Smith
City Secretary Elaine Simpson
Finance Director Wendy Gholson

2. **Public comment and announcements and Items of Interest**

At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. No discussion or deliberation can occur. Comments regarding specific agenda items should occur when the item is called. Anyone wishing to speak under this agenda item must complete a Comment Card and submit to the City Secretary prior to addressing the Council.

Mr. Michael Steenbergen, 2208 Belaire Drive, Granite Shoals, TX: Spoke regarding his interest in investigating Solar Power for the City of Granite Shoals. Requested that Council discuss this at a future meeting, and that members of the Council participate in the research group.

Regular Items:

3. Discuss, consider and possibly take action on proposed Notice of Election for Referendum of Ordinance #680 No Feeding the Deer Ordinance. *(City Manager Ken Nickel, City Secretary Elaine Simpson)*

Mayor Brugger motioned, and Council Member Tanner seconded, to approve the Notice of Election for the Referendum Election on Ord. 680 to be held November 8, 2016. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of 7-0.

4. Discuss, consider and possibly take action on proposed Ordinance #699 to adopt the City of Granite Shoals operating budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017. *(City Manager Ken Nickel, Finance Director Wendy Gholson)*

Finance Director Wendy Gholson reviewed a few of the pages at the beginning of the proposed budget.

The city council had been provided with the required wording for the motions for items #4-#6.

Council Member Eric Tanner motioned:

“I move that we adopt the proposed budget (included with Ordinance # 699) as presented, as the 2016-2017 Budget for the City of Granite Shoals.”

Mayor Pro Tem Dillard seconded:

“I second the motion.”

Mayor Brugger called for the roll call vote.

“Ms. Simpson, will you please record the vote of each council member?”

CITY SECRETARY:

“Council Member Hisey. Aye

Council Member King. Aye

Mayor Brugger. Aye

Council Member Tanner. Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Dillard. Aye

Council Member Holland. Aye

Council Member Morren.” Aye

Motion carried unanimously by a 7-0 vote.

Council Member King explained that she was voting in favor of the budget, even with the tax increase, because the increase was needed to fund the public safety items in the budget, such as the additional firefighters and payments on the fire engine.

5. Discuss, consider and possibly take action related to ratifying the tax increase that is reflected in the 2016-2017 City of Granite Shoals city budget. *(City Manager Ken Nickel)*

Mayor Pro Tem Dillard motioned:

“I move to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.”

Council Member Morren seconded:

“I second.”

Mayor Brugger called for the roll call vote.

“Ms. Simpson, will you please record the vote of each council member?”

CITY SECRETARY:

“Council Member Hisey. Aye

Council Member King. Aye

Mayor Brugger. Aye

Council Member Tanner. Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Dillard. Aye

Council Member Holland. Aye

Council Member Morren.” Aye

Motion carried unanimously by a 7-0 vote.

6. Discuss, consider and possibly take action to adopt proposed Ordinance #700 to levy ad valorem (property) tax rate for Granite Shoals for 2016, at a rate of \$ 0.54720/100 valuation; being a levy of \$ 0.32850/\$100 valuation for Maintenance and Operations, and

a levy of \$ 0.21870/100 valuation for Interest and Sinking (Debt service fund). (City Manager Ken Nickel/Finance Director Wendy Gholson)

Mayor Brugger introduced the agenda item.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Dillard motioned:

“I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of proposed Ordinance #700 setting a 2016 tax rate of 0.54720/\$100 valuation, which is effectively a 5.1 percent increase in the tax rate from last year.”

Council Member Tanner seconded:

“I second the motion.”

Mayor Brugger called for the roll call vote.

“Ms. Simpson, will you please record the vote of each council member?”

CITY SECRETARY:

“Council Member Hisey. Aye

Council Member King. Aye

Mayor Brugger. Aye

Council Member Tanner. Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Dillard. Aye

Council Member Holland. Aye

Council Member Morren.” Aye

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

7. **Executive Session**

The City Council will convene in Executive (Closed) Session to discuss Personnel, pursuant to sections 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act (*Personnel Matters*): Discussion regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the following public employee: Municipal Court Judge Frank Reilly.

Mayor Brugger recessed the Open Session at 6:19 PM

Mayor Brugger called the Executive Session to order at 6:21 PM

Mayor Brugger adjourned the Exec. Session at 6:36 PM

Mayor Brugger reconvened the Open Session at 6:38 PM

There was no action taken resulting from the Executive Session.

8. **Future Meetings and Agenda Items**
 - a.) Review Agenda Calendar
 - b.) Identification of future agenda items

9. **Adjournment**

With no other items on the agenda and no objections, Mayor Brugger adjourned the Special Called Meeting at 6:41 PM.

Approved by City Council on the 27th of September, 2016

By: 

Tom Dillard, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:


Elaine Simpson, City Secretary