

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui  
Councilmember Jennifer Berthiaume  
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins  
Councilmember Don Reilly

Councilmembers absent:

Mayor Eric Barna  
Councilmember Sarah Fincanon

**4. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- A. Hold a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2016-2017 budget for the City of Murphy.

City Manager Mike Castro gave a brief PowerPoint presentation combining agenda items 4A and 4B. He explained the FY16 projected expenditures will be \$13,106,592 with the FY16 projected revenues at \$14,046,420 ending the year with a surplus. Next were the FY17 proposed expenditures of \$14,864,400 with the FY17 proposed revenues at \$14,765,200 possibly ending FY17 with a deficit. He explained the changes that had been addressed at the September 6, 2016 Council meeting generating the change from a projected FY17 surplus to a FY17 deficit. The next slide showed the increase in the Certified Tax rolls over several years. The pie charts for FY17 displaying the expenditures and revenues were explained next. Because we are a relatively new city, our commercial (sales tax) has not kept up with our residential growth. Most cities are at 25% to 30% in sales tax collections but we are only at 13%. The proposed tax rates were discussed. The FY16 projected utility fund expenditures will be \$8,820,150 with the FY16 projected revenues at \$8,580,900 ending the year with a surplus. Next were the FY17 proposed expenditures of \$9,485,000 with the FY17 proposed revenues at \$9,662,000 ending FY17 with a surplus. The water rates and sewer rates are "pass-through increases" from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) only. Some key dates were discussed because the project began in April 2016 and will be completed September 20, 2016. Discussion of the implementation of the pay plan and its effect on the budget. City Manager Castro state that the recap is in part from the discussions held by Interim City Manager Bill Shipp. Staff was thanked for their help to make the budget process

Public Hearing opened at 6:12 pm

Public Hearing closed at 6:12 pm

**The vote on the proposed fiscal year 2016-2017 budget will take place on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at Murphy City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road, Murphy, Texas.**

- B. Hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate of \$.05100 per \$100 valuation for City Budget Year of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

City Manager Castro was asked if he had any additional comments to which he stated no further comments.

Public Hearing opened at 6:13 pm

Public Hearing closed at 6:13 pm

**The vote on the proposed tax rate will take place on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at Murphy City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road, Murphy, Texas.**

## **5. RECESS SPECIAL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley recommended to City Council to postpone the Capital Bond Improvement Committee.

City Manager Castro stated that staff will do the wishes of the Council but agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Bradley that since the institutional knowledge is missing from Public Works, it might be better to wait. The product needs to be solid and well researched. Council mentioned concerns about some roads not lasting for another year. Voter turnout might be low if the election is held in May, 2018 during the off-year, so it was suggested to possibly have the election in November, 2017. A calendar is to be prepared to establish a good workable time-line to produce a good bond package to go to the voters. The applications that have been received will be considered when Council is ready to name the Committee. Council will have a joint meeting with the Committee to list goals and expectations. A November election must be called in August. Debt retirement was discussed and a debt retirement calendar was requested. Also requested is a calculation as to what an eight cent tax debt increase would yield in funds received. City Manager Castro mentioned the way debt is structured is important, too and should be reviewed. The numbers should not drive the projects but that the projects and community needs should drive the numbers is an important approach but the city's financial advisor should be involved early in the process. The low interest rates are beneficial to the city for bond elections. The applicants are to be notified about the delay. Three specific requests to complete timely are: 1) debt retirement calendar 2) a calendar to structure the time-line for the bond committee and Council for a November, 2017 election and 3) originate calculations for an eight cent tax rate for debt.

**6. CONVENE TO THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

- A. Consider and/or act upon appointing a Capital Bond Improvement Committee.

*Council Action (6.A.)*

**NO ACTION**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

APPROVED BY:



  
Scott Bradley, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Susie Quinn, City Secretary