

MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 31, 2012 AT 5:00 P.M.  
MURPHY COMMUNITY CENTER  
205 N. MURPHY RD., HOMER/MARIE ADAMS RM.  
MURPHY, TEXAS 75094



Bret Baldwin  
Mayor

John Daugherty  
Mayor Pro Tem

Colleen Halbert  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

Dennis Richmond  
Councilmember

Scott Bradley  
Councilmember

Bernard Grant  
Councilmember

Dave Brandon  
Councilmember

Mayor Baldwin called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Kristen Roberts certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Bret Baldwin  
Mayor Pro Tem John Daugherty  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Halbert  
Councilmember Dave Brandon

Councilmember Scott Bradley arrived at 5:30 p.m.  
Councilmember Dennis Richmond arrived at 6:10 p.m.  
Councilmember Bernard Grant arrived at 6:56 p.m.

There were no public comments.

At the request of Mayor Baldwin, City Manager James Fisher gave a brief overview of the revised Proposed Budget, including revenues and expenditures, with proposed reductions that were made from each department in order to present a balanced budget without an increase in the tax rate.

Finance Director Linda Truitt spoke in explanation of property taxes, the proposed tax rate, certified tax rates, effective tax rate and roll back tax rates. Ms. Truitt explained that the current tax rate is 56.5 cents.

Council reviewed and discussed as follows:

- FY 2013 projected revenues
- FY 2013 reserves
- FY 2013 proposed budget adjustments from each department

After discussion, Mr. Fisher recapped that there were proposed total revenues of \$9,871,000. There was a discussion to raise the property tax rate from \$0.565 to \$0.57.

Mr. Fisher and staff answered questions and explained the proposed budget adjustments. After a lengthy discussion, there was a conclusion that \$198,360 could be included back into the budget. Items discussed to include were as follows:

James Fisher  
City Manager

**City Council**

Contingency 15,000

**Community Services**

Travel & Training 1,000 P&Z Training

**Recreation**

Overtime 2,000

Part Time 51,600

Social Security 4,100

Uniforms 800

Community Relations 10,000 Christmas in the Park

Community Relations 40,000 Maize Days

**Police**

Overtime 2,000 Explorer activities

Police Explorers 1,000

**Parks**

Contract Mowing 35,000

**Fire**

Overtime 3,200

After the additions were discussed, there remained an additional \$32,660 for the City Manager to add back into the budget.

With there being no further business to discuss at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



APPROVED:

Bret Baldwin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Meadows, Interim City Secretary