

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES
Monday, 12 August 2009
Special Meeting and Budget Workshop
Meeting Location at the Larry C. Marlow Fire Department
105 S. Cockrell Hill Road

Mayor Vansyckle called a Special Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 7:18 P.M. with the following City Council Members present:

Bill Vansyckle	Mayor
Tom Leverentz	Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1
Michael Dickey	Council Member, Place 2
Jo Ann Graham	Council Member, Place 3
Doug Hunt	Council Member, Place 4
James Wade	Council Member, Place 5

Council Member Dickey gave the invocation.
Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Administrator Randy Whiteman and various department-head staff members were also present.

COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND APPOINTMENTS:

- None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- None

CONSENT ITEMS:

- None

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

ITEM 1. Workshop –

- Review and discuss FY2009-2010 Proposed Annual Budget

City Administrator Randy Whiteman opened the discussion stating that format revisions on the printed budget were made from the last meeting. City Accountant Sharon Jungman added that the budget calendar allowed for two more budget meetings, August 19 and September 9 if needed.

City Administrator Randy Whiteman began the review of the Water and Sewer Fund. Public Works Director Jason Robinson was also present. Mr. Robinson informed Council that he added a secretarial position to his proposed budget as well as reviewed the capital assets. Council and staff continued discussion as Council Members inquired about certain line-item increases. City Administrator Randy Whiteman gave a recap of the Debt Fund and bond payments and the Water/Sewer Impact Fund with Council.

The Police Special Fund was addressed. Chief Moon advised Council that the Special Police Fund account derived strictly from donated funds.

Fire Chief Donnie Pickard stated the Fire Auxiliary Fund was also derived from donated funds. Chief Pickard informed Council that the EMS account had increased approximately \$11,500 due to increased population in the ESD area. Additionally, ESD#2 and ESD#4 were planning a property tax election this November. The Fire Department budget remained the same from last year. Chief Pickard said the department would need to plan for a new fire truck in the upcoming years and wanted to consider creating an additional account for future capital items.

Mayor Vansyckle called a recess at 8:56 P.M.

Mayor Vansyckle called the budget workshop back to order at 9:14 P.M.

City Administrator reminded all present of the impending Municipal Development District (MDD) Election in November.

Mayor Vansyckle summarized that all department heads needed to review their budgets again and reduce any line items possible. Council Member Graham stated that cutting any proposed new positions would help the budget and that staff should consider eliminating any award banquets, using those donated funds to assist with the General Fund expenditures. Council Member Graham added that these were hard economic times for most cities. Council Member Dickey concurred. Mayor Pro-tem Leverentz agreed that this may be a tough year and for each department head to take "ownership" of their prospective departments and manage budget cuts. Council Member Wade surmised that he believed the department heads "padded" their line item expenses somewhat and to remove that padding. Police Chief Moon assured Council that he did not pad his portion of the budget. Mayor Vansyckle reiterated for all department heads to make their own decisions for budget cutting and have those revisions ready for review at the next meeting.

There was no action on this item.

ITEM 2. Discussion/Action – Consideration of a proposed tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2010 and take a record vote.

After discussion, Council directed staff to prepare a proposed FY2009-2010 Budget using the same tax rate as last year. Council decided to delay a formal adoption until staff completed their additional budget cuts, but did take a record vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion that Council propose the FY2009-2010 property tax rate to be a total of **0.6679** (same as the previous year) with the following breakdown:

- ❖ Maintenance and Operation rate .4771
- ❖ Debt rate .1908

Council Member Wade seconded the motion.

Place 4, Council Member Hunt Aye

Place 5, Council Member Wade Aye

Place 1, Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz Aye

Place 2, Council Member Dickey Aye

Place 3, Council Member Graham Aye

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3. Discussion/Action – Consider and Schedule Dates for Two Public Hearings on the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2010.

Since Council decided to remain with the current rate, two public hearings were not required based on statutes from the Texas Property Tax Code / Truth-in-Taxation Laws.

Adjournment

Council Member Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 12, 2009, Council Member Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Bill Vansyckle, Mayor

Pamela Higgins, City Secretary

APPROVED