

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING/COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 - 6:00 P.M./6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Donnie McMannes, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tempore Merle Aaron
Councilman Bill Conner
Councilman Andy Curry
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Sue Daniel

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Mark Martin
Finance Director Dixie Kellum
Director of Public Works Barry Brock
Chief Gary Warman
Chief Gary Outlaw
Officer Scott Martin
Betty Hogan

VISITORS PRESENT: Suzanne West
Roycelyn Bastian
Arliss Bentley

Mayor Donnie McMannes called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members present except Councilman Allen Lee and Councilman Allan Steagall.

City Manager Darrell Boeske read the public notice for the public hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 FROM 6:00 P.M. UNTIL 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED IN CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS FOR CONSIDERING THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009. AT THIS TIME ALL CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS AND TO ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

THIS BUDGET IS ESTIMATED TO RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$442,000.00 - AN INCREASE OF 21%. BASED ON TAXABLE VALUE INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FROM THE HARRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF THIS ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE ROLL THIS YEAR. A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS.

Mayor McMannes asked for any questions or comments regarding the proposed budget. There were no questions or comments. Mayor McMannes closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor McMannes called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES - AUGUST 14, 20 AND 28, 2008

Minutes of the council meetings held August 14, 20 and 28, 2008 were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilman Andy Curry moved to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, McMannes
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement for August was presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilman Merle Aaron moved to accept the financial statement for information.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, McMannes
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

4. CURRENT INVOICES

Invoices were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval of payment.

<u>Accounts Payable:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 101,007.39
W/S Operating Fund	30,304.38

Special Revenue Fund	7,819.15
Debt Service Fund	5,840.00
C.O., Series 1996	8,685.00
C.O., Series 2005A	9,716.11
C.O., Series 2005B	9,400.00
C.O., Series 2006	<u>2,039.14</u>
Total	\$ 174,811.17

<u>Quick Checks:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 1,196.00

Councilman Curry moved to pay the invoices.
 Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, McMannes
 Nays: None
 Motion Carried.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 08-658 AMENDING CITY OF HUMBLE ORDINANCE NO. 07-645, PASSED AND APPROVED THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007 AND BEING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE "CITY OF HUMBLE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008", BY ADDING TO THE BUDGET HEREBY AN ADDENDUM NO. 2; PROVIDING FOR A CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO SUCH BUDGET; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

City Manager Darrell Boeske presented Ordinance No. 08-658 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-658

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF HUMBLE ORDINANCE NO. 07-645, PASSED AND APPROVED THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007 AND BEING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE "CITY OF HUMBLE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008", BY ADDING TO THE BUDGET ADOPTED HEREBY AN ADDENDUM NO. 2; PROVIDING FOR A CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO SUCH BUDGET; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

WHEREAS, following proper notice and public hearing, the City Council adopted the "City of Humble Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008"; and

WHEREAS, due to economic growth and an increase in sales tax revenue to the City during stated fiscal period an amendment to said budget is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Humble, Texas hereby finds and determines that public necessities require the adoption of such amendment; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS:

Section 1. The facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. City of Humble Ordinance No. 07-645 passed and approved the 13th day of September, 2007 is hereby amended by adding to the "City of Humble Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008" adopted thereby, Addendum No. 2, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 3. That the City Secretary be authorized and directed to cause a true and correct copy of Addendum No. 1 to be attached to "City of Humble Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008" on file in the Office of the City Secretary.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2008.

ADDENDUM NO. 2

ADDENDUM TO CITY OF HUMBLE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2007-2008

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT:

New Roof for Chamber of Commerce Building	\$ 55,923.03
City Wide VOIP Project	58,250.00
Purchase of Real Estate	<u>12,655.95</u>
Total	\$ 126,828.98

WATER DEPARTMENT:

Emergency Repairs to Water Wells 7 and 9	\$ 200,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 326,828.98

Mayor McMannes moved to approve Ordinance 08-658.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, McMannes

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 08-678 ADJUSTING THE CITY OF HUMBLE WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager Boeske presented Resolution No. 08-678 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval.

RESOLUTION

NO. 08-678

A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE CITY OF HUMBLE WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as the governing body of the City of Humble, Texas deems it a necessity to increase the current water and sewer rates and fees for residential and commercial customers, the following rates shall be charged:

Section 1. Water Rates

Residential and Multi-Family Dwellings - Water

\$ 9.50 - for the first 3,000 gallons used per unit and \$ 1.55 per additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter

Commercial Small - Water

\$ 15.00 - for the first 3,000 gallons and \$ 2.25 for each additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter. (Examples of Customers - individual retail stores, churches without food preparation, offices and convenience stores without food preparation or restaurants, service stations without carwashes and/or food preparations, commercial irrigation)

Commercial Medium - Water

\$ 35.00 - for the first 3,000 gallons and \$ 2.25 for each additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter. (Examples of Customers - schools without food preparation, day care centers, senior living facilities without food preparation, medical/dental clinics, theaters without food preparation, hair salons, clubs or bars without food preparation, hotels and motels without food preparation, car wash businesses with recyclable water systems, retail centers without food preparation or restaurants)

Commercial Large - Water

\$ 50.00 - for the first 3,000 gallons and \$ 2.25 for each additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter. (Examples of Customers - restaurants, fast food centers, retail centers with food courts or restaurants, senior living facilities with food preparation, clubs or bars with food preparation, laundries, car wash businesses without recyclable water systems, grocery stores with meat market and/or produce section and/or food preparation, meat markets, industrial process, hotels and motels with food preparation, convenience stores with food preparation or restaurants, service stations with car washes and/or food preparation, and all other commercial establishments that require grease traps per the City of Humble plumbing ordinance)

Bulk Water Rate

\$ 35.00 - for the first 3,000 gallons used and \$ 4.25 per additional 1,000 gallons used thereafter

Section 2. Sewer Rates

Residential and Multi-Family Dwellings - Sewer

\$ 26.00 - for the first 3,000 gallons used and \$ 1.20 per additional 1,000 used thereafter based on an average of 3 months of winter bills - Dec., Jan. and Feb. New customers, with no historical usage, are billed for wastewater usage based on adopted average Standard Sanitary Wastewater Usage for residential customers during the months of Dec., Jan. and Feb. - currently 6,000 gallons

Commercial Small - Sewer

\$40.00 - for the first 3,000 gallons and \$ 3.75 for each additional 1000 gallons used thereafter. (Examples of Customers - individual retail stores, churches without food preparation, offices and convenience stores without food preparation or restaurants, service stations without car washes and/or food preparations)

Commercial Medium - Sewer

\$ 45.00 - for the first 3,000 gallons and \$ 3.75 for each additional 1000 gallons used thereafter. (Examples of Customers - schools without food preparation, day care centers, senior living facilities without food preparation, medical/dental clinics, theaters without food preparation, hair salons, clubs or bars without food preparation, hotels and motels without food preparation, car wash businesses with recyclable water systems, retail centers without food preparation or restaurants)

Commercial Large - Sewer

\$ 50.00 - for the first 3,000 gallons and \$ 3.85 for each additional 1000 gallons used thereafter. (Examples of Customers - restaurants, fast food centers, retail centers with food courts or restaurants, senior living facilities with food preparations, clubs and bars with food preparation, laundries, car wash businesses without recyclable water systems, grocery stores with meat market and/or produce section and/or food preparation, hospitals, theaters with food preparation, schools with food preparation, convenience stores with food preparation or restaurants, service stations with car wash and/or food preparations, and all other commercial establishments that require grease traps per the City of Humble Plumbing Ordinance)

Section 3. Miscellaneous Fees

Deposits - Residential and Multi-Family Dwellings

\$ 100.00 - new customer or if existing customer is disconnected for non-payment, the existing customer must put up monies to bring deposit to the now required \$ 100.00

Deposits - Commercial - Small, Medium or Large

Average of 2 month bill or a minimum of \$ 100.00 - new customer or if existing customer is disconnected for non-payment, the existing customer must put up monies to meet the now required deposit

Deposit for Fire Hydrant Meter

\$ 1,500.00

New Account Connection Fee

\$ 15.00

Account Transfer Fee

\$ 15.00

Disconnect/Reconnect Fee

\$ 35.00 - During business hours
\$ 55.00 - After business hours

Pulled Meter Fee for Non-Payment

\$ 35.00

Meter Reread Fee

\$ 15.00 - but no fee charged if city's reading was incorrect

Meter Test Fee

\$ 35.00 - ¾" or 1" meter - but no fee charged if meter is not accurate
cost plus 10% - larger than 1" meter - but no fee charged if meter is not accurate

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Humble, Texas that the aforementioned adjusted water and sewer rates and fees shall be charged and shall be effective as of October 1, 2008.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of September , 2008.

Councilman Bill Conner moved to approve agenda item #6 - Resolution 08-678.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, McMannes
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 08-659 ADOPTING THE 2008-2009 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING THE SEVERAL SUMS ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE THEREIN NAMED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager Boeske presented Ordinance NO. 08-659 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-659

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2008-2009 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING THE SEVERAL SUMS ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE THEREIN NAMED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the budget for the City of Humble for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009 was presented for consideration; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on said budget was duly given as required by law, that such hearing was duly held prior to the time the City Council levied taxes for the fiscal year; Now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009, be, and the same is hereby in all respects approved and adopted.

SECTION 2. That the several amounts allocated for the purposes named in said budget be, and they are hereby appropriated for such purposes.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately and be in full force upon and after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 11th day of September, 2008.

Councilman Curry moved to adopt Ordinance No. 08-659.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, McMannes
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

8. RATIFY ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE IN 2008-2009 BUDGET, \$ 442,000.00 or 21% MORE THAN 2007-2008 BUDGET. BUDGET BASED ON TAXABLE VALUE INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FROM THE HARRIS

COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF THIS ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE ROLL THIS YEAR.

City Manager Boeske recommended ratification of the tax revenue increase in the 2008-2009 budget. Councilman Aaron moved to ratify item #8 - ratify the estimated property tax revenue increase.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, McMannes

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 08-679 DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

City Manager Darrell Boeske presented Resolution No. 088-679 to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Mayor McMannes moved to appoint Councilman Allen Lee as the Representative and Councilman Bill Conner as the Alternative Representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, McMannes

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

10. AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH SEVERN TRENT SERVICES AMENDMENT #4 FOR WATER METER READING SERVICES

City Manger Boeske presented an amendment to the agreement for professional services with Severn Trent Services. He explained this company reads the water meters for the city and this would be an increase in their fees but STS would use their own meter reading devices which would save the city money in equipment. Councilman Curry moved to approve the amendment to the agreement with Severn Trent Services.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, McMannes

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: TML LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mayor McMannes stated the correspondence was for information only.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transpire, Mayor McMannes moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned. 6:37 p.m.

D. G. McMannes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Daniel, City Secretary