

# SPECIAL MEETING OF STINNETT CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2015

6:30 PM

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CALLED TO ORDER	COLIN LOCKE, MAYOR @ 6:39 pm
PRESENT	COLIN LOCKE, Mayor; JUSTIN HART, Alderman PL-3; CHAR KERR, Alderman PL-4; JEFF IRVIN, Alderman PL-5;
ABSENT	RUSTY SIMS, Alderman PL-1; APRIL COUCH, Alderman PL-2;
STAFF	ANDY TRAHAN, City Administrator; LYNETTE SLOAN, City Secretary; DURK DOWNS, Chief of Police; NANETTE LEWIS, City Advisor
GUESTS	Dewayne Lunday
INVOCATION & PLEDGE	CHAR KERR

## Agenda

### ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION	Andy Trahan granddaughter born. The MAYOR inquired about Logan Garrard's health. Opportunity to nominate members for the Hutchinson County Appraisal District.
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### ITEM 3 UTILITY RATES

DISCUSSION	The debate of increasing all utility base and consumption rates by \$1.50 continued. JUSTIN HART expressed concern over the proposed rate of \$4.00 per 1000 gallons of water used. JEFF IRVIN stated the city needs the money in order to make the improvements required to keep the city services working. NANETTE LEWIS noted that the base + 1 unit consumption is still in line with the local cities used for comparison. COLIN LOCKE suggested the council consider adopting the new rates and to use the revenue that would be generated for the budget workshop.
ACTION	JUSTIN HART – YEA; CHAR KERR – YEA; JEFF IRVIN – YEA. RUSTY SIMS & APRIL COUCH were absent from the meeting and did not vote.

### ITEM 4 PROPOSED TAX RATE

DISCUSSION	The effective tax rate adjusted for sales tax is \$0.322592/\$100. The rollback tax rate adjusted for sales tax is \$0.350879/\$100. Various options of a tax rate that does not go above the rollback rate were debated. The effect of this on an average homeowner was discussed. A tax rate of \$0.350792 would provide approximately \$30,000 more revenue over adopting the effective tax rate as has been the practice in past years. ITEM TABLED UNTIL AFTER THE BUDGET WORKSHOP. Further discussion regarding the effect on the average home owner continued. Ultimately, the tax rate of \$0.28719/100 maintenance & operation plus \$0.063602/\$100 debt payment was proposed by JEFF IRVIN
ACTION	Motion to ADOPT – JEFF IRVIN; Second – JUSTIN HART; VOTE: YEAS –3 NAYS – 0

### ITEM 5 BUDGET WORKSHOP – GENERAL FUND

DISCUSSION	Worksheets of current expenses for all departments under the General Fund were reviewed. The requirements of operating the city were debated and each line item was agreed upon. Changes will be made for the next workshop scheduled for August 24 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30
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### ITEM 6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSION	The council determined there was no need to go into Executive Session at the present time.
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### ITEM 7 APPROPRIATE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AS REQUIRED

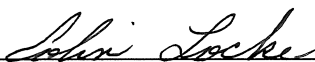
DISCUSSION	None.
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### ITEM 8 ADJOURN


DISCUSSION	None.
ACTION	Motion to ADJOURN – JEFF IRVIN; Second – CHAR KERR; VOTE: YEAS –3 NAYS – 0

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 9:55 PM

APPROVED

  
COLIN LOCKE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
LYNETTE SLOAN  
CITY SECRETARY