



City Council Chamber
2821 Washington Street

City Council
Steve Reid, Mayor

Place 1 Dan Perkins

Place 2 Dr. Joe Perks

Place 3 Jeff Dailey

Place 4 Velma Del Bosque-Hobdy

Place 5 Renee' Francey

Place 6 Sandra Linson-Bell

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Dailey called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Perkins, Perks, Del Bosque-Hobdy, Francey and Linson-Bell. Also present were City Manager Steve Alexander, City Secretary Debra Newell and City Attorney Brent Money. Mayor Reid was absent.

2. Invocation

Pastor Bryan Thomas gave the invocation.

3. Public Hearing

- A. Public Hearing, consideration and action on an ordinance authorizing a budget amendment and a unit price construction contract with Austin Bridge and Road of Dallas, Texas, for the 2012 Street Improvement Program and authorizing a budget amendment from General Fund to General CIP Fund (*Massoud Ebrahim, Director of Public Works*)

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak on the Budget Amendment for the Street Improvement Program. There was no one. Councilmember Perkins moved, Councilmember Del Bosque-Hobdy seconded for the enactment of Ordinance No. 12-051: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A UNIT PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH AUSTIN BRIDGE AND ROAD OF DALLAS, TEXAS, FOR THE 2012 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM GENERAL FUND TO GENERAL FUND CIP; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Motion carried by unanimous consent of the City Council present.

- B. Hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Increase

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak against the tax increase.

Billy Howard, 2905 Poplar, urged the Council make cuts to help citizens in a bad economy.

He asked if anyone wished to speak for the tax increase.

Bryan Herrin, 3810 Stonewall, asked the Council to keep the current rate of .6990 in order to continue with projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey closed the public hearing.

City Manager Steve Alexander noted that from the last public hearing, he got a sense that the Council was leaning towards Option # 1 regarding street funding and cuts. He asked if anyone had any new feedback regarding that. Councilmember Perkins said he prefers Option # 1.

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey asked about the revenue generated from .6990. Steve Alexander reminded the Council that the portion of the tax rate that is used to pay Interest and Sinking, cannot change; you must subtract that off the top to get the true revenue amount.

C. Hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2012-2013 City of Greenville Budget

Councilmember Del Bosque-Hobdy asked what the impact to the Police Department would be if the Executive Secretary position is frozen. Chief Busken noted that in the short term it could be managed, but long term would be more of an impact. Steve Alexander noted that possibly two part time positions could be used for the Executive Secretary, saving some costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak for the Proposed Budget.

Jenny Krueger, Director of the Boys and Girls Club, mentioned a current initiative that is happening at the Club and keeping their funding is essential. She asked that the Council not cut their funding.

He asked if anyone wished to speak against the proposed budget.

Duane May, 5 Heritage, noted potential ways to cut the budget: institute a hiring freeze, contract out mowing, cut the Library hours and partner with GISD for literacy programs.

Billy Howard, 2905 Poplar, urged the Council to save money where ever they can.

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey closed the public hearing. He also noted that he had reviewed expenses and would like to see all expenses be set at last years budget levels. He noted that the budget must be adopted at the next City Council meeting.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Dailey asked City Attorney Brent Money if he wished to speak regarding the Executive Session. Brent Money noted that at the Mayor's request, he met with a Council Sub-Committee to discuss possible reductions to his budget. The Sub-Committee met today and came up with a favorable recommendation. Councilmembers Perks and Linson-Bell agreed that the meeting was productive. Councilmember Francey said she would like to wait until the Mayor was available if a vote would be needed. Brent Money, said he wasn't expecting a vote tonight. If the Council wanted to delay the item and discussion, that was fine with him. He noted he was prepared to present the Council the information from the earlier discussion in Executive Session, even if the vote was at a later date. Mayor Pro Tem Dailey said he didn't think that the City Attorney's Budget fell under the Executive Session section listed. Councilmember Perkins said discussion about City Council Appointees is a typical Executive Session item. Mayor Pro Tem Dailey preferred the discussion to be public.

The Council voted to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. with Councilmembers Dailey and Linson-Bell declining to attend. Section 551.074 City Council Appointee – City Attorney Contract/Duties and Responsibilities.

5. Adjourn



City Council Special Meeting
September 18, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by unanimous consent of the City Council present.