

**CITY OF OAK RIDGE NORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Tom Coale, Council Place 1
Steve Holcomb, Council Place 2
Al Stahl, Council Place 3
Leah Gray, Mayor Pro Tem/Council Place 4
Peter Nett, Council Place 5



Vicky Rudy, City Manager
Clasina Watson, City Secretary
Scott Bounds, City Attorney

Joe Michels, Mayor

**CITY OF OAK RIDGE NORTH, TEXAS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

MEETING SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.

Monday, August 16, 2010

City Municipal Building

Bob Williams Memorial Council Chambers

27424 Robinson Road

Oak Ridge North, Texas 77385

MINUTES

Mayor Joe Michels called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. with all Council members present.

Present:	Joe Michels	Mayor
	Tom Coale	Council member, Place 1
	Steve Holcomb	Council member, Place 2
	Al Stahl	Council member, Place 3
	Leah Gray	Mayor Pro-Tem & Council member, Place 4
	Peter Nett	Council member, Place 5

Also Present:	Vicky Rudy, City Manager
	Clasina Watson, City Secretary
	Andy Walters, Chief of Police
	Jeri Norris, Finance Officer
	Frank Miller, Public Works Director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (EDP)

- a. Consider, and if deemed appropriate, name Mayor Joe Michels as the authorized representative of the City of Oak Ridge North for the South Montgomery County Economic Development Partnership (EDP).

Motion to name Mayor Joe Michels as the authorized representative of the City of Oak Ridge North for the South Montgomery County Economic Development Partnership (EDP) was made by Mayor Pro Tem Leah Gray. Motion was seconded by Council member Al Stahl. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider, and if deemed appropriate, approve EDP Board of Directors Slate for 2010-2011.

Motion to approve EDP Board of Directors Slate for 2010-2011 was made by Council member Al Stahl. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Leah Gray. Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUD BUDGET – Consider, and if deemed appropriate, approve proposed Southern Montgomery County Municipal Utility District Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Motion to approve proposed Southern Montgomery County Municipal Utility District Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 was made by Council member Steve Holcomb. Motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Leah Gray. Motion carried. Council members Al Stahl and Peter Nett voted against.

BUDGET AND TAX HEARING

- a. Presentation of the proposed 2010-2011 City of Oak Ridge North Budget and Tax Rates. **Vicky Rudy presented to Council and the public the tax rates and the changes Council asked for in the budget from the previous workshop and some that have been generated outside the workshop, either by finalized numbers or by other internal changes.**

Ms. Rudy stated the proposed tax rate is .2807 for debt service, .3189 for maintenance and operations, making the total tax rate .5996, which is a four penny decrease in taxes over the current physical year.

Ms. Rudy stated it is a zero balanced budget. Ms. Rudy stated that one change made on this budget versus previous workshop meetings was that they separated out on the City's tax and fee revenues from other non City generated revenues. The City's total general revenues for the general fund are set at \$2,458,462.00 dollars. Ms. Rudy stated that tax revenues increased by \$4,733.00 dollars once the final numbers were received from J.R. Moore.

During a discussion of park improvements, Council member Tom Coale requested that the City Manager, Chief of Police and Public Works Director discuss removing the portion of the fence at Teddy Bear Park that is obstructing the view of traffic coming off Patsy Lane onto Robinson Road. Chief of Police Andy Walters stated

the view for oncoming traffic is approximately 300 feet, but he will laser the distance again.

- b. Public hearing on 2010-2011 City of Oak Ridge North Budget and Tax Rates.
No public comments.

- c. Council workshop discussion of the 2010-2011 budget.
Council member Al Stahl opened discussion by requesting that the city reduce the water and sewer rates by 10%, which would be a total of \$99,200.00 dollars. Council member Stahl stated that \$20,600.00 dollars of that cost would come from the proposed cost of SMC MUD's contract, which would leave a total of \$78,000.00 dollars needed to give the residents a 10% decrease in water and sewer rates. Council member Stahl stated that Ms. Rudy has done a wonderful job coming up with the budget and has assured the Council that she will be able to come up with further reductions as the year goes along, which Mr. Stahl believes will help with funding the remaining \$78,000.00 dollars needed for the reduction in water and sewer rates. He stated he would like to find those reductions now and include them in the budget.

Ms. Rudy stated they could not be sure at this point that the City could guarantee a 10% utility rate decrease because of all the factors involved. She said those variables should be factored into a rate model and analyzed by Council. Discussion followed.

Mayor Joe Michels stated that there is a general consensus of Council to lower work toward lowering the water and sewer rates by 7.5%, capitalize the jet machine, and reduce the expenditures to SMC MUD. Mayor Michels stated that there is not a general consensus of Council regarding other items of discussion at this meeting. Ms. Rudy stated that she hoped there was understanding that the City was not lowering rates at this time.

Mayor Michels stated that if Ms. Rudy can find other items in the budget that can be capitalized to allow the City to reach the goal of a 10% reduction in water and sewer rates, those figures can be presented at the next meeting for Council vote. Discussion followed.

- d. Consider, and if deemed appropriate, set August 23, 2010 as the date to approve the budget.

Motion to set August 23, 2010 as the date to approve the budget was made by Council member, Tom Coale. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Leah Gray. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN.

Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Tom Coale. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Leah Gray. With a unanimously vote, meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clasina Watson

Clasina Watson
City Secretary

Date approved: August 23, 2010

Joe Michels

Joe Michels
Mayor

