

Minutes of the called council meeting Monday, September 06, 2007 at 5:15 p.m. at Diboll City Hall.

Present

Mayor	Bill Brown
Councilman	Bryan Wilson
Councilman	Ricky Conner
Councilman	Fred Mitchell
Councilman	Don Hendrick

Absent

Gandy Stubblefield

Also Present

City Manager	Kenneth Williams
City Secretary	Tina Cavazos
City Attorney	Jimmy Cassels
Police Chief	Kent Havard
Finance Director	Elvia Garza
Public Works Director	Doug McCoy

1. Call to order.

Mayor Bill Brown called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation.

Kenneth Williams gave the invocation.

3. Approval of previous city council meeting minutes of August 21, 2007.

Motion was made to approve the previously called minutes by Fred Mitchell and seconded by Don Hendrick with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

4. Possibly swear in appointed person to fill vacancy on City Council.

Mayor Bill Brown swears in Bryan Wilson for the vacancy on the City Council.

5. Second Public Hearing on proposed property Tax increase to .4785 per hundred dollar valuation.

Mayor Brown opened the floor for public comments. There being none. Mayor Brown said we will vote formally to adopt the tax increase to .4785 per hundred dollars on September 10, 2007 at 5:15 p.m. at Diboll City Hall.

6. Discuss and possibly approve Water and Sewer commercial rate increase.

Kenneth Williams said this proposal calls for a 10% increase in commercial water and sewer rates. Elvia Garza went over the commercial rates and asked the council if anyone had any questions. Bryan Wilson said this is 50% increase in sewer. Mrs. Garza stated it was high, but city water is low compared to other cities. Don Hendrick made the motion to approve Water and Sewer commercial rate for a 10 % increase and Ricky Conner seconded with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

7. Discuss and possibly approve garbage rate increase.

Mrs. Garza went over the proposed 5 % overall increase in the City's garbage fee revenue based on anticipated rate increases from our garbage collection vendor. Mrs. Garza said we proposed rate increases for each type of commercial container ranging from 7-10%. Mr. Williams said we might have to adjust our collection rates again in the very near future based upon how the bids come in on September 17, 2007 . Bryan Wilson made the motion to increase 5% overall in the City's garbage fee and 7-10 % for commercial container and Don Hendrick seconded with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

8. Discuss and possibly approve cable Franchise Fees increase.

Jimmy Cassels said our current franchise fee with our cable TV provider pay is 3%. Due to regulations we can require up to a 5% fee. Jimmy Cassels said he was writing a letter to the cable company to request an increase to 5%.

9. Executive Session.

Mayor Brown called the council into executive session at this time to discuss personnel issues and real estate.

Mayor Brown called the council back into open session, no decisions were made and no votes were cast. Minutes of the executive session meeting are kept in a lock box in the city's vault.

10. Public Forum.

There being none.

11. City Manager Comments.

Mr. Williams made comments about the Huntington City Hall ribbon cutting. Stated that the city council's regular meeting will be Monday, September 10, 2007.

12. City Council Comments.

None.

13. Adjourn.

Ricky Conner made the motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. and Don Hendrick seconded with unanimous votes being recorded.

Bill Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina Cavazos, **City Secretary**