

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF DIBOLL, TEXAS MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015, AT 5:15 PM, DIBOLL CITY HALL

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mayor John McClain, Councilmember's, Mayor Pro Tem, Lewis Ivey, Charles Moses, Veronica Hernandez, Tom Farley, Daniel Lopez and Don Hendrick

**ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager Dennis McDuffie, City Secretary Sarah Thompson, Finance Director Elvia Garza, Public Work Dee Scarborough, Police Chief Steve Baker, Civic Center Director Loretta Christmas and Parks Director Luis Maldonado.

Mayor McClain called the meeting to order

**WORKSHOP AGENDA:**

**1. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED FY 2015-2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

Finance Director Elvia Garza addressed the council with the current revenue and expenditures for the 2015-2016 FY budget. Ms. Garza went over line items of departments that was included in council packets with council members. Questions and concerns were addressed. A two percent (2%) cost of living increase has been budgeted. She does not for see any change in financials for medical cost/coverage.

Water and Sewer rates will increase 3%. Concerns of high rates were addressed and discussed. Increase in rates are due to bond issues and past years of deficits. In the future Ms. Garza suggest that the city hire an analysis specialist to perform a rate comparison to confirm that rates are within reason and comparable. Higher rates are also due to paying the City of Lufkin for water.

Council member Veronica Hernandez reported that the smoke test in the Burkhalter neighborhood was performed last week. This should further along the lack of payment for water services that are owed.

Ms. Garza also reports that the garbage services have not increased in the past seven (7) years and there is no change for this year.

Council members Don Hendrick and Tom Farley reported there have been several compliments in reference to the golf course. Things seem to be going great since changes in the past year.

**2. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.59 PER \$100 OF ACCESSED EVALUATION FOR TAX YEAR 2015.**

City Manager Dennis McDuffie reports that tax rate will increase from last year's rate of \$0.54 per \$100 to \$0.59 per \$100.

**REGULAR AGENDA: DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**3. CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$0.59 PER \$100 OF EVALUATION FOR TAX YEAR 2015 AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATES.**

Mr. McDuffie suggested dates of September 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for next tax hearing dates.

Daniel Lopez made the motion to approve dates and Lewis Ivey second the motion

All in favor

none opposed

**4. CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER TO TEMPORARILY LIVE OUTSIDE THE CITY OF DIBOLL.**

Mayor John McClain explained to the council that Mr. McDuffie's house was sold last week.

Due to he and his wife relocating post his retirement January 1, 2016; he is temporality residing in a Lufkin residence.

Lewis Ivey made the motion to approve and Don Hendrick second the motion

All in favor

none opposed

**ADJOURN**

Don Hendrick made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Lewis Ivey second

All in favor

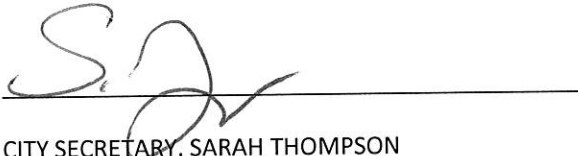
none opposed

Meeting adjourned at 5:55p.m.



MAYOR PRO TEM, Lewis Ivey

**ATTEST:**



CITY SECRETARY, SARAH THOMPSON