

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE
JUNE 28, 2016
Special Meeting**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by James Hunt, Mayor, at 4:00pm.

Commissioners present

James Hunt, Mayor Boyd Bogle
Cathy Altenbern Gray Thornburg
Bob Weigel

City staff members present

Beth Reardon, City Manager/Treasurer

1. Public Hearing -

Scott McKean of 828 Belle Meade Blvd. stated he was interested in the vote on the property tax rate and had a question on how new homes were assessed for taxation. The Mayor explained that process to him. Mr. McKean also wanted to know if the video surveillance system was in the budget. Mayor Hunt replied it was, but the only thing to be done is the study by the consultant. Public meetings will be held before a decision is made as to how much, if anything, will be implemented. Edgar Stuart of 213 Deer Park Drive stated he had no comments.

- 2. Ordinance 2016-5, Fix Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, on second reading**
Mayor Hunt explained the process the Commissioners went through to publicize the legislation passed in May to eliminate the Hall Income Tax by 2022. Three public meetings were held in June, and information was published in the newsletter and through email blasts to the citizens. He also reminded everyone that the Commissioners had been educating the citizens for a decade or more of the possibility of the Hall Tax going away and the likelihood of replacing that loss of over 50% of annual revenue with an increase to property taxes. The proposed new tax rate of 0.30 (thirty) cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value, which is an increase of 07.57 cents, will offset the anticipated one-sixth reduction in Hall Tax revenue for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Bob Weigel felt there were too many reasons not to increase taxes and the proposed 2016-17 budget included items that did not need to be done, such as the video surveillance system, purchase of new police cars, and a paving project. Mayor Hunt stated he felt that this year a tax increase was necessary, but that each year until 2022, the Commissioners should evaluate the City's financial condition and determine whether a tax increase was essential or not.

Motion to approve: Hunt Second: Altenbern

Vote: Hunt, Altenbern, Thornburg - Aye Weigel, Bogle - No

- 3. Ordinance 2016-6, Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, on second reading**

The last budget workshop was held on June 23rd and all updates to the budget were reviewed by City Manager Reardon at that time. Total proposed revenues for all funds are \$4,547,288 and total proposed expenditures for all funds are \$4,490,275, resulting in a positive net change to fund balances of \$57,013.

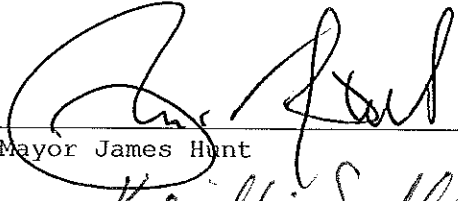
Motion to approve: Altenbern Second: Thornburg Vote: All aye

- 4. Resolution 2016-02, Amend Ordinance 2015-6, Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**


City Manager Reardon prepared a worksheet that indicated all amendments to the current budget within each department, by line item. Reardon stated it would be August before actual revenue and expense numbers for the current year could be determined and submitted to the auditors.

Motion to approve: Altenbern Second: Bogle Vote: All aye

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.



Mayor James Hunt



City Recorder Kemishia Sadler