

**SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 2016**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS THAT WAS HELD **SEPTEMBER 8, 2016** AT 7:00 P.M. PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 1200 SOUTH COMMERCE, OVERTON, TEXAS.

PRESENT:

C. R. Evans Jr., Mayor
Philip Cox, Mayor Pro Tem
Jerry Clark
Lawrence Davis
John Posey
Michael Paul Williams

ABSENT:

Also in attendance were Charles Cunningham, City Manager, Rachél Gafford, City Secretary and Clyde Carter, Chief of Police representing staff.

I. CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Evans called the meeting to order by at 7:00 p.m.

1. Invocation was given by Councilman Davis.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Posey.

II. CITIZEN FORUM

None

III. CITIZEN'S REQUEST

None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Any or all items under Consent Agenda may be removed by the Mayor, any Council Member or the City Manager for discussion.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on August 25, 2016.

Mayor Evans introduced the consent agenda stating that he found one correction to the attendance record to include Councilman Posey.

Mayor Pro Tem Cox made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected.

Councilman Clark seconded the motion.

Mayor Evans called for a vote.

Motion carried 4 – 0 - 1; Councilman Davis abstained.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

1. City Council to hear public comments regarding 1st reading of the 2016-2017 Appropriations (Budget) Ordinance No. 2016-09-15B; an Ordinance approving and adopting a budget for the City Of Overton, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, in accordance with the Local Government Code of the State Of Texas and the Ordinances and Rules of the City Of Overton, Texas; appropriating the various amounts thereof, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Evans introduced the first public agenda item.

City Manager Cunningham presented a public hearing handout to cover the appropriations budget for the FY2016-2017 stating that there had been no changes since originally submitted to Council in August. However, we had received notification of a 9% increase from Allied Waste by email dated August 22, 2016 after the budget had been submitted that if applied October 1, 2016 by Allied Waste would decrease the estimated revenues by approximately \$13,000.

Cunningham went on to say that he had been in contact with Gene Kennon of Allied Waste to request a suspension of the increase or at least a delay until January 1, 2017 to allow for the City to review the impact and possibly make adjustments to the fee schedule to offset the increase. Cunningham also stated that he wanted to review the service provided by the City allowing citizens to dump in the two dumpsters located at City Hall. Mr. Kennon had stated that when the roll offs was originally put in place at City Hall; they were supposed to be used by the City, not for the citizens dumping needs. Cunningham stated that he believes that we have some abuse of this service that may need to be addressed as Allied Waste is having to make numerous trips to dump these roll-offs several times a month which were not originally anticipated.

Councilman Posey asked if they planned to decrease the fuel service charge that they added when diesel was costing \$4.00 per gallon.

City Manager Cunningham responded that he did ask that question; however, Mr. Kennon had responded that the finance department did not propose a reduction in the fuel service charges as they felt they were still needed to maximize profits.

Finally, City Manager Cunningham stated that he had been approached by representatives from the Prison proposing that they hire an independent consultant to do a rate study on the cost of service across all classes. Cunningham told the prison officials that the City would be happy to assist and provide the data needed to assist with that study but that no promises could be made concerning what the Council would do with the results of the study after staff analysis a recommendation would be made by staff concerning any proposed adjustments in rates.

Mayor Evans asked for public comments.

No public comments made.

2. City Council to hear public comments regarding ~~1st reading~~ 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2016-09-15C; An Ordinance Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Maintenance and Operation of the Municipal Government of the City of Overton for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year; and providing for the Interest and Sinking Fund for the 2016 Tax Year.

Mayor Evans introduced the second public agenda item, Mayor called Council's attention to a typo on the agenda stating that this was actually the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2016-09-15C.

City Manager Cunningham presented staff report.

Mayor Evans asked for public comments.

No public comments made.

3. City Council to hear public comments regarding ~~1st-reading~~ 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2016-09-15D; an Ordinance Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Maintenance and Operation of the City of Overton Municipal Cemetery for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year; providing for a Severability Clause, an Effective Date and Providing for Publication.

Mayor Evans introduced the second public agenda item, Mayor called Council's attention to a typo on the agenda stating that this was actually the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2016-09-15D.

City Manager Cunningham presented staff report.

Mayor Evans asked for public comments.

No public comments made.

Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Evans made the following announcement:

The City Council of the City of Overton will vote on a proposed tax rate for general operation (O & M) and Debt for the 2016 tax year that would increase total tax revenues. The Council will also vote on a proposed tax rate for the Cemetery Operations and Maintenance Fund for the 2016 tax year at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 15, 2016 in City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 1200 South Commerce Street, Overton, Texas 75684.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. City Council to hear and discuss proposed rate increase for solid waste collection services effective Oct 1, 2016 by Republic Services, the City's provider of these services.

City Manager Cunningham stated that he had actually already covered this item earlier in the proposed budget presentation; however, he wanted to add that Council may consider doing a study to see if it would be feasible for the City to handle the Garbage Collection in house as we could amortize the cost of the equipment over several years and be able to keep the heavy trucks that are tearing up the streets off those streets that are not equipped to handle large trash trucks. The landfill costs would be a total unknown however. This as well as the option of soliciting bids from other providers may be considered with a recommendation for any changes coming by January 2017.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Cox made a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Clark seconded the motion.

Mayor Evans called for a vote.

Motion carried 5 – 0 - 0.

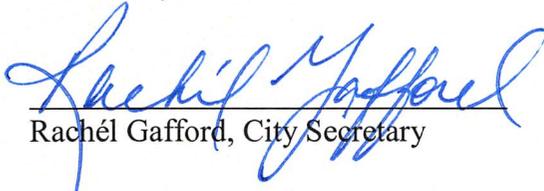
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this 15th day of September, 2016.



C. R. Evans Jr., Mayor

Attested by:



Rachél Gafford, City Secretary

