

The Public Hearing/Special Council Meeting of September 17, 2012 was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle

Jennifer Nottingham

Mitch Thornton - Absent

Lynn Tiner

Jeff Waldrop

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Chief C.E. Rutledge

Ann Mabry

Lou Hoffman

Don Reddout

Brenda Reinhard

Murry Hughey

A quorum was declared. Mayor Reinhard stated Councilperson Thornton previously advised he will be out of town on business this evening.

PUBLIC HEARING - The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. PRESENT THE PROPOSED 2012/2013 FISCAL YEAR MUNICIPAL ANNUAL BUDGET. DISCUSS AND GIVE ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THE RIGHT TO APPEAR AND BE HEARD ON THE 2012/2013 FISCAL YEAR MUNICIPAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Mayor Reinhard stated on August 24, 2012 he officially submitted the 2012/2013 proposed budget to the City Secretary. As required by Texas Local Government Code, the Budget Officer must submit the proposed budget to the City Secretary 30 days before the municipality adopts the tax levy. Additionally, a Public Hearing must be held and some sort of action taken on the budget at the conclusion of the hearing. This action can be adoption of the budget or to postpone adoption until the September Council Meeting. This action will be taken at the Special Council Meeting following the Public Hearing. Mayor Reinhard stated this year he met with Councilperson Nottingham and Councilperson Thornton to get recommendations and work with him on the proposed budget submitted. Mayor Reinhard stated the budget is a tool to use throughout the year to project income and expenses for the upcoming year. He is trying to work towards a more balanced budget. He stated by law, we are required to pass a budget by the first day of the fiscal year which is October 1st. Mayor Reinhard reviewed the Proposed Fiscal Year Budget. He stated the numbers were based on the projected 2012 Fiscal Year actuals with some adjustments based on the previous year's trends where appropriate. The Ad Valorem Property Tax is keeping the tax at the current rate of \$0.093525/\$100 and no increase to the citizens. The GFU Revenue is based on a 5% increase over the 2012 actual. The budget includes a 2.5% increase for all employees. Public Works includes filling the open position for a full time Public Works employee. The Public Works Director will stay in place for now with the hope that a good full time employee is found that can eventually take over that position. Public Safety Police is based on a full time paid Police Officer position and eliminating the part-time Police Officer position. Councilperson Nettle stated he is very concerned about increasing the ongoing regular expenses. He stated when hiring a full-time employee, they are usually expecting benefits and longevity so it is harder to dissolve the position if the City doesn't have the money. He stated there is about an \$8,000 difference in contingency this year from last year and that worries him. Councilperson Waldrop stated he feels it would be worth considering two part-time positions rather than a full-time and adding a line item for police overtime. Chief Rutledge stated it is hard to fill an evening overnight shift with part-time employees. He stated the part-time employees want to work day shifts and he doesn't need someone to fill the day shift. He needs an officer to fill the overnight shift to cover where he is on call every evening. Councilperson Nottingham stated this would get the City to the 24 hour coverage they have been looking for and it is hard to fill an overnight shift with part-time employees. Chief Rutledge stated if approved, he will also continue to look at increasing the number of reserve unpaid officers. Councilperson Waldrop stated he would like to make sure that if approved, the reserve unpaid officers are given the opportunity to fill the position if interested. Neighborhood Watches were discussed. Chief Rutledge stated he would be happy to present again to the community and see if he receives an interest. Mayor

Reinhard stated Citizen Education & Activities includes funds for Citizen Education classes and Community Activities in conjunction with SLPC where all citizens could attend. Councilperson Nottingham stated she would like to look at including the Easter Egg Hunt in Community Activities next year. Mayor Reinhard stated Public Safety Fire includes a 10% increase. Don Reddout stated the Fire Department is having the same issue as the Police Department with part-time not wanting to work the overnight shifts. They are having the full-time come back in and be paid overtime. Mayor Reinhard stated Line Item No. 1101 Senator Madla Natural Area was combined into Line Item No. 1201 Madla Natural Area Grant Park Improvements. Mayor Reinhard asked if there was further discussion or citizens input and there was none.

The motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Councilperson Waldrop, seconded by Councilperson Tiner and adjourned 8:37 p.m.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 8:37 p.m.

1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE 2012/2013 FISCAL YEAR MUNICIPAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Mayor Reinhard stated the Special Council Meeting is to consider and take action on the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year Municipal Annual Budget for the City of Grey Forest. The motion to vote on the Municipal Annual Budget at the September 25th Council Meeting was made by Councilperson Waldrop, seconded by Councilperson Nottingham and passed unanimously.

Mayor Reinhard adjourned the Special Council Meeting at 8:39 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shawana Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written amended on the 25th day of September, 2012.

Signed: Ronald G. Reinhard
Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor