

State of Texas  
County of Brazoria  
City of Angleton

The City of Angleton, Texas City Council conducted a Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, August 11, 2008, with the following in attendance:

J. Patrick Henry	Mayor
Rudy R. Santos	Mayor Pro Tem
Gregg Dykes	Councilman
Jeremy Warren	Councilman
John Wright	Councilman
Bonnie Church	Councilwoman

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Greg Smith	City Manager
Laurie Rodriguez	Asst. City Secretary
Susie Hernandez	Finance Director
David Ashburn	Police Chief

And those listed on the guest registry.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR HENRY at 6:30 pm.
2. Discussion and possible action on the 2008-2009 proposed tax rate.

Motion by Councilman Warren that property taxes in the City of Angleton be increased by the adoption of a tax rate 0.706000 and that the city council hold two public hearings before the final adoption of this tax rate on August 26, 2008 at 6:00pm and September 9, 2008 at 6:00pm.

Second by Councilman Wright

Roll call vote:

Councilman John Wright – I  
Councilman Gregg Dykes – I  
Councilman Jeremy Warren – I  
Mayor J. Patrick Henry – I  
Mayor Pro Tem Rudy Santos – I

Councilwoman Bonnie Church – I

Motion passes with a unanimous vote

3. Discussion and possible action on Change Order #1 for Western Ave. sanitary sewer project.

Greg Smith described what the purpose of this change order and that there will be net decrease of approximately \$3,500 in the cost of the project do to eliminating the asphalt drive.

Motion from Mayor Pro Tem Santos  
Second from Councilwoman Church  
Motion passes 6 for, 0 against

4. Budget Workshop

Greg Smith explained to council the certified appraised value and compared the budget done at the beginning with the estimated appraised value and done now with the certified appraised value.

Capital Requests – Greg Smith described the capital request form and how the requests are rated as far as needed or wanted.

Greg went through each departments capital requests and what is and is not funded.

The total is \$1,124,000.00 requested and there is \$147,313.00 being paid cash for, three year leases on everything else, which gives us a fund balance of \$126,472.00. We can leave that in fund balance or fund other capital projects.

At this time I would recommend that we leave this in fund balance.

Greg Smith went back to the park and the drainage at the softball complex.

Councilman John Wright – also a member of Parks Board brought up the Parks Board recommendations in reference to the capital requests. They have determined that the Dickey Park restroom is the most needed second to the drainage pipes

at the softball complex, third the Masterson Park restroom and forth being the dug outs.

Greg Smith stated that when he talked to the Parks Board it was suggested that asking the softball complex to do part of the drainage whether it be purchasing the pipe or installing the pipe and the city do the other half.

Start up cost for Freedom Park is approximately \$100,000.00 for equipment that is not including vehicles and mowers or employees. It seems like Parks is getting a lot this year but we are putting on a major complex.

Council agreed that, that capital needs to be left as a reserve and keep in mind that we would like the ditch covered at the softball field and a restroom at Dickey Park and then other things and see how things are going a little down the road.

Greg Smith gave an update on Freedom Park and when the requested equipment would be needed.

Greg Smith described what has been since last budget meeting; he and Susie have gone through every single budget and trimmed where it could be trimmed.

Councilman Wright asked questions about the three year leases.

Greg Smith explained why we are doing the three year leases.

Greg Smith - We will set strict guidelines for when equipment is eligible to be replaced.

Greg Smith - In the future I would like to see council allocate each department a certain amount of capital each year if they don't spend it we will put it back for that department.

Greg Smith - Insurance rates were not changed in the budget in front of you.

Greg and council discussed utilities for city buildings.

With capital requests funded there is \$13,000.00 left.

Special funds, hotel/motel – Greg Smith stated this is set up with the new procedures in place and broke down the separate line items. The new contract will be sent for your review next week.

Technology / Court Room Security – Greg went over. We would like to pull \$10,000 out of both funds to help pay for the fiber line between the Police Department and City Hall and all of our major infrastructures. I also have \$10,000 under capital project of the new building.

Greg stated that under recycling we have budgeted \$20,000 to continue to give the bags away for free.

Council and Greg discussed some street improvement funds that money had been in for a while. Specifically Shanks Rd. which was asked about by Councilman Wright.

There are several capital projects that have been on the books for awhile that will be readdressed.

Bond Series 2008 – all in street improvement right now for budgetary purposes but will be shifted around.

Transfer to:

Downing Rd. - \$100,000.00  
Sebesta Rd. - \$75,000.00  
Municipal Court - \$800,000.00  
Fire Dept. - \$150,000.00  
Police Dept. - \$50,000.00  
Animal Shelter - \$50,000.00  
Henderson Rd. sidewalk - \$80,000.00  
Tay-Wal Loop - \$75,000.00  
FEMA Western Ave. - \$25,000.00

Contingency - \$146,000.00

Adjourn 8:45pm

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J. Patrick Henry, Mayor

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Laurie Rodriguez,  
Asst. City Secretary