

Tax Hearings September 4, 2007 and September 7, 2007

## **2007 TAX HEARINGS SEPTEMBER 4 AND SEPTEMBER 7 ,**

September 4, 2007 Minutes  
Tax Hearing # 1, and City Council Called Meeting.  
MINUTES

This meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Ransom Canyon Fire Station, 1 Ridge Road in Ransom Canyon. The Ransom Canyon City Council was present, also Melissa Verett, and two guests. Mayor Robert Englund presided, and the Aldermen present were Ron Cox, Donna Clarke, Jack Randorff and Kevin Carlson. James Overby was absent per previous notice.

The Council voted to suspend the Atmos Grip Filing. Mayor Englund reported on interviews he had with Dan Alderson from the local Atmos, and also with Greg Ingham, City Manager of Plainview, also head of the small cities steering committee. Plainview has voted to suspend, for several reasons. Discussion was brief. Donna Clarke made the motion to suspend. Ron Cox seconded, all voted aye.

The FEMA item on the agenda was not ready for council presentation, so this item was passed on.

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Kevin Carlson asked how the tax rate went from .63 to .65. The council explained that at that work session, they agreed to the following.

The Goal was to reduce the transfer from Reserves, and still pay for increased police coverage, increase the librarian pay, also increase pay for outstanding service to an employee in the operations department, and pay cash for 2 used fire engines. This goal was achieved through cuts in the budget, and the tax increase. \$100,000 worth of various items were deleted, including the housing incentives intended to attract resident police presence. A new part-time police employee was added. The 2 used fire trucks were included, at a remaining purchase balance of \$100,000. The water system infrastructure improvements, (the vaults on the front road) were still there. The fire trucks could be purchased, half from tax and half from savings.

The truck purchase is an emergency action due to the deteriorating condition of two major engines. One has an unreliable electric system, and the other has rust in the tank. Both will still pump, and the city has another water pumper, but the two big engines are key to the city ISO rating. Chief McPherson found the trucks through Ferrara Company.

There were no further questions or comments about the tax rate.

The Mayor commented that the public will have another opportunity to comment on the tax rate next Friday night, September 7, at 7 PM.

The Town Hall Meeting will be next Tuesday, September 11.

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The regular September meeting will be September 18.  
The budget will be adopted at an additional meeting, Thursday, September 27.

There were no further questions or comments. The meeting adjourned on a motion from Donna Clarke and second from Ron Cox. All approved and the meeting adjourned.

Melissa Verett

September 7, 2007 Tax Hearing # 2 : Friday Night.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Englund at 7:00 PM. Present: Donna Clarke, Ron Cox, Robert Englund and Kevin Carlson were present. Jim Overby was absent due to illness. Jack Randorff was absent due to personal reasons.

Mayor Englund announced that the tax rate was still .65. There was no discussion. The meeting adjourned.

Melissa Verett