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BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 29, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Danielowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Raeanne Danielowski, Seth Hansen, Duane Langsdorf, Scott Marotz, and Mike Wallen. Also present: City Administrator Clay Wilfahrt, Finance Director Deb Wegeleben, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, and Police Chief Joel Scharf.

3. PROPOSED AGENDA

Council Member Wallen motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf, unanimous ayes, agenda adopted.

4. BUSINESS

4A. Budget and Levy Public Hearing

Deb Wegeleben discussed the preliminary operating and debt levy figures Council approved in September. Wegeleben also discussed the proposed final budget and levy that will be considered by Council at the December 14, 2016 meeting. Wegeleben reviewed the Public Input Hearing procedures and asked for Council to open the hearing to allow the public an opportunity to provide comments on the 2017 budget and levy.

Mayor Danielowski opened the public input hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Lloyd Voges, 155 Park Avenue West – Voges asked for clarification on how City Levies are set. Mayor Danielowski explained that municipal levies are set annually by the City Council for the following year. Voges also asked for information on how the City sets their utility rates. Clay Wilfahrt explained that water usage by City buildings and parks will now be allocated in the City budget. This rate structure will help keep water/sewer rates down, but will increase the tax levy. Mayor Danielowski reviewed the City's water and sewer infrastructure that was constructed to provide services to residents and to meet unfunded

mandates. These improvements were completed utilizing debt funding that still needs to be repaid. Council Member Marotz noted that if the rates are lower, the difference would need to be made up in the General Fund Levy. Voges also asked for clarification on why a sidewalk will be needed on both sides of Eagle Lake Road North. Council noted that student and pedestrian safety was a determining factor on sidewalk placement when the plans were developed for the CR 5 Multimodal Improvement Project. Council thanked Mr. Voges for attending the hearing and being willing to educate himself on the City Budget/Levy and City services.

Mayor Danielowski closed the public input hearing at 6:26 p.m.

5. ADJOURN

Council Member Langsdorf motioned to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

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City Clerk

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Date Approved By Council