

**MINUTES  
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

August 25, 2015

The City Council met on this date at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Patricia Brack presiding. Council Members present included Thomas Ward, Reginald Weatherton, Tommy Goode, Melissa Morton and Steve Higginbotham.

Staff members present included City Manager Timothy Kelty, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Finance Director Karen Vaughn, Police Captain Kenny Byrd, Tourism Coordinator Suzanne Cross and City Secretary Stephanie Kimbrell.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Brack called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., declared a quorum and announced that notices were legally posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Tommy Goode gave the Invocation and Council Member Reginald Weatherton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS - REGULAR SESSION:**

**1. Public hearing to receive citizen input concerning the 2015 tax rate. (Kelty)**

Mayor Pat Brack declared the Public Hearing open at 5:36 p.m. City Manager Timothy Kelty explained the breakdown of the proposed tax rate of \$.5217/\$100 valuation. No one from the public spoke in favor of or against 2015 tax rate.

**DECLARE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made the motion to declare the Public Hearing closed at 5:37 p.m., seconded by Council Member Reginald Weatherton. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Consideration and possible action upon the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-08-01 adopting the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget. (Kelty)**

City Manager Timothy Kelty explained a few corrections made to the proposed budget since the budget workshop.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-08-01 adopting the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Consideration and possible action upon the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-08-02 levying an ad valorem tax of fifty-two and seventeen one hundreds cents (\$.5217) based upon one hundred percent (100%) appraised value of all real and personal property for tax year 2015. (Kelty)**

Council Member Thomas Ward made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-08-02 levying an ad valorem tax of fifty-two and seventeen one hundreds cents (\$.5217) based upon one hundred percent (100%) appraised value of all real and personal property for tax year 2015 as presented, seconded by Council Member Reginald Weatherton. The motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**4. Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (City Manager) in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Section 551.074.**

Council Member Reginald Weatherton made a motion to strike executive session from the agenda, seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

5. Reconvene into Regular Session and take any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**6. Adjourn.**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Council Member Thomas Ward, duly seconded by Council Member Reginald Weatherton and with unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Thomas Ward, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Kimbrell, City Secretary