



# City of Pflugerville

## Minutes - Final City Council

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Tuesday, August 19, 2014

6:00 PM

100 East Main Street, Suite 500

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### Special Meeting

#### 1. Call to order

Mayor Jeff Coleman called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Wayne Cooper, Brad Marshall, Starlet Sattler and Victor Gonzales were in attendance. Councilmember Omar Peña entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m. City employees attending: Brandon Wade, City Manager; Raika Rowe, Assistant City Attorney; Karen Thompson, City Secretary; Lauri Gillam, Assistant City Manager; Trey Fletcher, Assistant City Manager; Tom Word, Assistant City Manager; Amy Good, Finance Director; James Wills, Public Works Director; Wiley Webb, Utilities Superintendent; Tracy Hibbs, Utility Business Operations Manager; Lauren Vander Laan, Accountant II; Sarah Moody, Budget Analyst; James Hemeses, Parks Director; Emily Barron, Planning Director; Dan Franz, City Engineer; Terri Waggoner, Public Information Officer.

#### 2. Resolution

2A. [RES-0215](#) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS SPECIFYING A PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 TAX RATE AND SCHEDULING THE DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Gillam provided information. Mr. Wade recommended setting the proposed tax rate as the roll back rate, stating that it could be set at a lower rate when adopted, but not a higher rate. He stated that the roll back rate would be a 3.46 cent reduction. Discussion followed. Mr. Peña made a motion to adopt the resolution with the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2015 being \$0.5390. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Mayor Coleman announced that the public hearings to discuss the proposed fiscal year 2015 tax rate would be held on September 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and September 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 100 East Main Street, Suite 500 and that consideration of adoption of the tax rate would be held on September 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 100 East Main Street, Suite 500.

#### 3. Discuss only

3A. [2014-3219](#) Discussion regarding results and staff recommendations of the 2014 Utility Rate Study.

Grant Rabon, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, stated that the recommended overall increase in revenue is modest due to the stewardship of staff and that they should be commended. He provided information on the recommendations to provide a higher rate for water as more water is used with

a more inclining block rate structure, stating that it is intended to align with water conservation. He summarized that the recommendations include increasing the number of blocks from three to four, indicating that rates should increase no less than 25% in rate tiers and bring rates in line with rate recovery and best practices, and that they recommend maintaining a certain level of reserves through the rates.

Council discussed the proposed new retail water rate tiers and fixed charges with Mr. Rabon, Ms. Gillam and Ms. Hibbs.

Mayor Coleman stated a need for educating the customers. Ms. Gillam explained that customers using 25,000 gallons of water and less would see their utility bills go down. She reported that in June 2014 there were less than 4% of the utility customers using more than 25,000 gallons of water, to include residential and commercial customers.

Review and discussion of the proposed wastewater rates followed.

Ms. Gillam provided information on the water curtailment rates. She stated that they will be included if the LCRA mandates formal curtailment of the city's water consumption. She stated that 20% curtailment results in a \$12 fee, and 30% results in a \$17.10 fee. She stated that this would be made available for use only if necessary.

Ms. Gillam stated that staff would like to address any Council questions at the next Council meeting and to place the ordinance on the first meeting in September.

**3B. 2014-3167**

Discuss service options for the City of Pflugerville chipping program.

Mr. Word and Mr. Wills provided information on the current chipping program and possible options for the program and discussed with Council. Council was in agreement to expand the service to a bi-weekly route service and to provide to the municipal utility districts.

**3C. 2014-3217**

Discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2015 budget and City Council Fiscal Year 2015 goals.

There was no discussion on the item. Budget discussions were to resume at the August 26, 2014 worksession.

**3D. 2014-3218**

1.) Executive Session Item: Discussions regarding deliberations on economic development negotiations pursuant to Chapter 551.087 of the Texas Government Code and consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for legal advice concerning economic development negotiations.

Mayor Coleman read the item to be discussed and retired to executive session. The time was 8:02 p.m. Mayor Coleman reconvened in open session at 8:27 p.m. No action was taken on the item.

**4. Adjourn**

Mr. Cooper made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen Thompson  
City Secretary**

**Approved as presented on September 9, 2014.**