The Hutto City Council met in a special session on Thursday, August 25, 2016, in the Hutto City Council Chamber, 401 W. Front Street, Hutto, TX 78634.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Gaul called the session to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council that were present were Mayor Doug Gaul, Mayor Pro-tem Michael J. Smith, Councilmember Anne Cano, Councilmember Tom Hines, Councilmember Nathan Killough, Councilmember Lucio Valdez, and Councilmember Bettina Jordan.

Members of staff that were present were Micah Grau, Interim City Manager, Charlie Crossfield, City Attorney, Melanie Melancon, Finance Director, Earl Morrison, Chief of Police, Scot Stromsness, Public Works Director, Randy Barker, General Services, and Seth Gipson, City Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3A. Remarks from visitors

There were no remarks from visitors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


The City Council recessed into executive session at 6:31 p.m.

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5A. Open and conduct the second public hearing to hear testimony regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate.

Mayor Gaul opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

There being no public comment the public hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.
WORK SESSION

6A. Work session and discussion on the Proposed 2016-17 Annual Operating Budget.

Micah Grau, Interim City Manager began the staff presentations.

Scot Stromness, Public Works Director, provided an overview of the Public Works Department’s accomplishments and objectives for the upcoming year, current staffing, and a summary of the department’s expenses.

Randy Barker, General Services Director, provided an overview of the General Services Department’s accomplishments and objectives for the upcoming year, current staffing, and a summary of the department’s expenses.

Micah Grau, Interim City Manager, provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department’s accomplishments and objectives for the upcoming year, current staffing, and summary of the department’s expenses.

Melanie Melancon, Finance Director, compared the current tax rate with the publish rate, the rate proposed by staff, the Effective Tax Rate, and the Rollback Tax Rate. This comparison showed the average tax bill per household, the breakdown of the Maintenance and Operation and Interest and Sinking Tax Rates, and the estimated tax dollars generated by the Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate.

The City Council discussed the General Fund Summary, FY 17 CIP Projects, and challenges and needs by department. It was the consensus of the City Council to remove the $150,000 budgeted for the Dog Park and use those funds restore the reserves account to the full 25% and keep the remaining amount in contingency, and to remove the pool feasibility study.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

Attest:

Doug Gaul, Mayor

Seth Gipson, City Secretary