City of Natalia, Texas
Special City Council Meeting
Budget Workshop
August 31, 2016 at 6:00pm
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** City Administrator/Secretary performed roll call, and a quorum of members were present. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith called the special city council meeting to order.

Mayor Manuel Saldana - Absent	Alderman Sam Bluemel – Present
Alderman Tommy Ortiz - Present	Alderman Sam Smith – Present (Mayor Pro-Tem)
Alderman Ruben Juarez - Present	Alderman Mike Fernandez – Present

2. **Public Hearings:**
   a. **Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Proposed General and Utility Fund Budgets.** No public comments.
   b. **Tax Year 2016 Proposed Tax Rate.** No public comments. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith announced that a 2nd Public Hearing will be held on September 6, 2016 at 6:00pm, and on September 19, 2016 at 7:00pm the City Council will vote on the tax rate, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2078 State Hwy 132, Natalia, Texas. Public hearings closed at 6:10pm.

3. **Discussion/Consider action of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Proposed General and Utility Fund Budgets.** City Administrator Hernandez suggested the savings-cost for elections be applied to general fund reserves, also mentioned that the cost for conduct of the audit has increased by $500 which will be split between general and utility fund. City Administrator Hernandez also discussed the increase in the renewal Humana's POS Plans premium as well as the cost of co-pays, and discussed the option of changing to Humana's Simplicity Plan, which the lesser premium rates would generate savings that could be offered to assist employees by reimbursing them a specific max amount for different types of co-pays. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith questioned if the reimbursement of savings would be provided to the employee's dependents as well; City Administrator replied that the savings is for employees only. No modifications were made to the proposed budget at this time. Alderman Ortiz accepted FY2016-2017 Proposed Budgets as filed, and Alderman Bluemel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Discussion/Consider Action on Ordinance; Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the November 8, 2016 General City Election elected, and Canceling said Election.**
   Certification of Unopposed candidates were issued to Three (3) Alderman positions: Sam Smith, Tommy F. Ortiz, and Mike Fernandez. Alderman Bluemel made a motion adopting the ordinance, and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Adjournment.** Alderman Bluemel motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Alderman Fernandez. The motion passed by unanimously.

Passed and approved this 19th day of September, 2016.

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Manuel C. Saldaña, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa S. Hernandez,
City Administrator/Secretary