

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

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

Mayor Manuel Saldana - Present	Alderman Sam Bluemel – Present
Alderman Tommy Ortiz - Present	Alderman Sam Smith – Present
Alderman Ruben Juarez - Absent	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 Saldana announced that 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 6:08pm.
3. **Discussion/Consider action of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Proposed General and Utility Fund Budgets.** City Administrator Hernandez presented a modified proposed budget from the General Fund by distributing the \$10,000 election costs by adding \$250.00 to Auditing, \$1,000 to Codification, and applying the remainder of \$8,750 to general fund reserves; and modifying the Utility Fund by applying \$250 to Auditing and reducing “other expenses” by that amount. City Administrator Hernandez explained that ACI has proposed a 2% CPI rate increase, as included in the rate-plan, the city’s current garbage rate of \$20.00 will increase to \$20.50; last year ACI increased their rate by 2.5%. Alderman Fernandez requests to invite Ernest Munoz, Frost Ins., to next meeting to discuss the city’s insurance plans and options. The modified budget does not reflect the garbage rate increase at this time. Alderman Fernandez accepted FY2016-2017 Proposed Budgets as modified, and Alderman Bluemel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Discussion/Consider authorizing the City Administrator to procure a grants administrator and project engineer for submission of a 2017-2018 Community Development Fund Grant Application for the City of Natalia, to make citywide water system improvements; project funding is contingent upon award.** City Administrator Hernandez mentioned that TxCBDG is accepting application for funding cycle 2017-2018; the city received grant funding for cycle-year 2015-2016 for wastewater improvements; this cycle would focus on water improvements. In addition, a selection committee consisting of at least one councilperson is needed, and suggests Alderman Fernandez to serve on the committee; Alderman Fernandez accepted. Alderman Ortiz made a motion authorizing the City Administrator to proceed with filing for a TxCBDG 2016-2017 application with TDA; and Alderman Bluemel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Adjournment.** Alderman Fernadnez motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Alderman Smith. The motion passed by unanimously.

Passed and approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

Approved:

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Attest:

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Lisa S. Hernandez,  
City Administrator/Secretary