

The City of Hilshire Village

Public Hearing & Special Council Meeting September 13, 2012
THURSDAY, September 13, 2012
PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M.

1. CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER: Mayor Whiting called the City of Hilshire Village Public Hearing to order at 6:31 P.M. at 8301 Westview, Houston, Texas 77055.

1.2 Roll Call: Present were Mayor Shannon Whiting, Mayor Pro Tem Stephanie Post and Council Members Connie Castro, Edward Davis, Bill Bristow and David Gunn. Also, present was Susan Blevins, City Secretary.

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS/PUBLIC FORUM: NONE

3. DISCUSSION:

3.1 The City's Proposed 2012 Total Tax Rate. The City is proposing to adopt the 2012 Roll Back Rate of \$0.485239/\$100 plus a Debt Tax Rate of \$0.120342/100 resulting in a \$0.605581 tax rate. Mayor Whiting said if the City decides to go with the rollback rate the increase would be very small from last year's tax rate; but, would allow the City to net approximately \$57,198 to be put in savings. She said if the City was to go with the effective rate which would mean no increase to the residents the City would only yield \$2,587 to be put in savings.

3.2 FYE 2013 Budget: Council discussed the budget. Mayor Whiting stated she has been discussing the Police budget with the Mayor of Spring Valley, Mayor Ramsey. Mayor Whiting stated the City of Hilshire Village pays 16.4 percent of the Police Departments budget which is the City's percent of geographical area. She also stated one of the reasons the City's cost was increased was because last year Spring Valley had erroneously excluded court cost from our contract. Mayor Whiting stated that if Council wanted to pay back some of the funds to the Utility Account they would be able to if the City goes with the Rollback Rate. Council discussed the City's portion of the expenses of the roadway improvements and the possibility of the extension of Glourie. Mayor Whiting said the estimate for Bridle Spur was \$365,000. She stated that it was recommended to replace water, sewer and the road at the same time because of warranty issues on the road and the chance of tearing up the road if the City has utility issues at a later time. Mayor Pro Tem Post was concerned because of the lack of funds

in the Utility Account and the ability to fund the utility portion. Mayor Whiting stated that the City would have to look at alternative funding and the whole Capital Improvement Plan before deciding on the project. She stated if the City did not put funds in the budget now, they would have to amend the budget at a later date. In the Utility Fund the City's hope is to net \$52,000 for FYE 2013. Council discussed the City's funds.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

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5. ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Castro moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Shannon Whiting, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Blevins, City Secretary