

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
6:30 P.M.

## **PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Herron called the City of Hilshire Village Public Hearing and Special Council Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. at 8301 Westview, Houston, Texas 77055.

**1.3 Present:** were Mayor Russell Herron, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Maddock, Council Members Mike Gordy, Robert Byrne, Robert Swanson and David Gunn. Also present were City Administrator Susan Blevins and City Engineer, Efrain Him, HDR.

## **2. ACTION ITEMS:**

**2.1** Mayor Pro Tem Maddock made a motion authorizing Change Order # 4 to Conrad Construction for the relocation of the Water Meter Vault in the amount of \$10,756 and a time extension of two (2) calendar days, seconded by Council Member Gordy. City Engineer Efrain Him stated that the City of Hilshire Village and the City of Houston finally decided on a compromise regarding the meter vault. The City of Houston has requested that the City of Hilshire Village move the meter vault two (2) feet closer to the street which will then cause the water lines to have to be moved. The City of Houston also wanted the electrical panel to be moved to the backside of the meter. City Engineer Him stated he still is showing a \$41,000 underage on the contract.

**A vote was taken to approve the motion to authorize Change Order # 4 to Conrad Construction for the relocation of the Water Meter Vault in the amount of \$10,756.00 and a time extension of two (2) calendar days. The vote passed unanimously.**

City Administrator Blevins stated that she set a meeting up with CenterPoint and Conrad tomorrow to discuss the pavement damage on Pine Creek Lane.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Herron stated there were no residents at the meeting so he went straight to the discussion with the Council Members.

## **4. DISCUSSION:**

**4.1** Mayor Herron discussed the FYE 2017 Budget and 2016 Property Taxes. He showed the history of the tax rates. Mayor Herron showed the difference between the income between the Rollback Rate and the Effective Rate. The City is proposing the Rollback rate of \$0.482302 per \$100. He showed the City's sources of income. Council Member Gunn said he said Council could discuss a lower rate at the next meeting but to leave it at the Rollback rate now. Mayor Pro Tem Maddock said that he felt the Rollback rate was the rate the City needed to go with so that funds could be saved for Capital

Improvements. Mayor Herron stated that Council needed to look at an increase in the Utility Rates. Council Member Gordy wanted to see the cost for the last five (5) years. Council Member Byrne discussed the expense lines for ARC GIS Program to remove it and add it to the Contingency Line item also the Education line item may need to be increased. He also discussed the Utility expenses for Billing and Meter Reading.

Mayor Pro Tem Maddock stated that the City needed to consider the remodeling of City Hall or at least save for it. He also mentioned long term debt and if it is a good time to go out and borrow. Council Member Swanson said the rates were low but the question is does the City want to pick up more debt. Council Member Gordy did not think the infrastructure on Archley was in as bad of shape as Pine Creek Lane.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Maddock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Byrne. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

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Russell Herron, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Blevins, City Secretary