

**CITY OF HOPE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008 6:15 PM
BANCORP SOUTH FARM HOUSE**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2: INVOCATION

ITEM 3: REVIEW MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2008

ITEM 4: GOALS MEETING

**CITY OF HOPE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM**

The City Board of Directors met at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2008, with the following present:

Catherine Cook, City Manager
Joe Short, City Attorney
Carol Almond, City Clerk

Directors: Dennis Ramsey, Mayor
David Johnson, Vice-Mayor absent
Doodle Franklin,
Willie Walker
Steve Montgomery, absent
Don Still
Don Hall

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order. Don Still opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Don Hall, seconded by Don Still. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A general millage ordinance was presented to the Board for its review. The proposed ordinance sets the City's real and personal property tax rates at 2.2 mills. The City is required by State statute to re-establish the rates each year. The Quorum Court, upon receipt of the ordinance, will formally establish the rates for all taxing entities in the County at their November meeting.

The rates in the ordinance are unchanged from the last several years. Last year the City received approximately \$174,000 as a result of this millage.

Joe Short read the proposed ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1513

AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A TAX OF TWO POINT TWO (2.2) MILLS UPON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HOPE, ARKANSAS, FOR THE YEAR 2008, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Mayor Ramsey asked if there was a motion to suspend the rules. Don Hall made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Doodle Franklin. Roll was called and all answered "Aye." The Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Don Hall made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Don Still. Roll was called and all answered "Aye." Mayor Ramsey asked if there was a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause. Don Still made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause, seconded by Don Hall. Roll was called and all answered "Aye."

A Fireman's Pension millage rate ordinance was presented to the Board for their consideration. The proposed ordinance set the Firemen's Pension property tax rates at 1 mill for both real and personal property. These rates reflect the results of the November 5, 2002 election.

The rate in the Ordinance is unchanged from last year. Last year the Firemen's Pension Fund received approximately \$79,000 as a result of this millage.

Joe Short read the proposed ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1514

AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A TAX OF ONE (1) MILL UPON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HOPE, ARKANSAS, FOR THE YEAR 2008, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PENSIONS TO THE RETIRED FIREMEN AND PENSIONS TO THE WIDOWS AND MINOR CHILDREN OF DECEASED AND RETIRED FIREMEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Mayor Ramsey asked if there was a motion to suspend the rules. Doodle Franklin made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Willie Walker. Roll was called and all answered "Aye." The Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Willie Walker made a motion to adopt the ordinance seconded by Don Still. Roll was called and all answered "Aye." Mayor Ramsey asked if there was a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause. Don Hall made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause, seconded by Don Still. Roll was called and all answered "Aye."

A general timeline for Class I Landfill construction was discussed by the Board. It will take approximately a year to complete all documentation and construction requirements.

The Board asked staff to proceed with the tentative timeline.

There will be a citywide cleanup on October 25, 2008. The press was encouraged to help get the word out to the citizens of Hope.

The goals' meeting was rescheduled for November 6, 2008. (This date was later changed to November 13, 2008 because of a scheduling conflict with the Hope Police Department annual awards banquet.)

Cary Smith with Stephens will attend the November 18, 2008 Board meeting to present preliminary bond information for the Class I landfill.

Mayor Ramsey told everyone that Halloween was not being rescheduled this year because it falls on a Friday and not a Sunday.

Don Still requested that staff arrange a day in the fall to allow the Board to tour all the City facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Dennis Ramsey, Mayor

Carol Almond, City Clerk

AGENDA INFORMATION FOR 10/7/2008 BOARD MEETING

ITEM 4: GOALS MEETING

Attached is the write up from the 2007 goals meeting as well as an update on the goals listed. If any of you have questions about the goals or would like some information on presenting a suggested goal, please let me know.

Goals--Updated

Long term, Ongoing #1 Priority Status

1. Community Pride/Cleanup Ongoing
2. Wastewater Rehabilitation Ongoing
3. Airport Improvements Ongoing
4. Economic Development Ongoing
5. Recruitment of Minority/Female PD Officer Ongoing

Shortterm, Ongoing #1 Priority Status

1. Evidence storage building In process
2. Phase II Greenwood In process
3. Affordable Housing Need to refocus on this one

Goals Identified in 2007 Meeting

1. Street Construction Standards Meeting (1)
Accomplished 11/2007
2. Park Master Plan (2) 2009 or 2010
3. Annexation/utility extension issues (2) ?
4. Leadership Development Program (1) 2009
5. Traffic Light at Shover & Bypass (1) 2009 interim
6. Bypass Turning Lane at Greenwood (2) 2008 AHTD
completed
7. Recruitment of Physicians (1) Ongoing
8. Continued Coliseum Refurbishing ?

After some discussion the Board discussed and ranked ongoing and potential goals for 2008 as follows:

Long term, ongoing goals - Considered #1 in ranking.

1. Community Pride/Cleanup
2. Wastewater Rehabilitation
3. Airport Improvement
4. Economic Development
5. Recruitment of Minority/Female Police Officers

Short term, ongoing goals - Considered #1 in ranking.

1. Evidence storage building for Police
2. Phase II Greenwood Street
3. Affordable Housing

Potential Goals Rank

1. Street Construction Standards Meeting 1
2. Park Master Plan 2
3. Annexation/Utility Extension Issues 2
4. Leadership Development Program 1
5. Traffic light at Shover and Bypass 1
6. Bypass Turning Lane at Greenwood 2
7. Recruitment of Physicians 1
8. Continued Coliseum refurbishing 2