On September 20, 2011, a special meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 5th Floor, City Hall, 411 West 8th Street, Odessa, Texas.

Members present: Mayor Larry L. Melton; Council members; Bill Cleaver, District One; James B. Goates, District Two; Barbara Graff, District Three; and Dean Combs, District Four.

Others present: Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma Grimaldo, City Secretary; James Zentner, Assistant City Manager; Michael Marrero, Assistant City Manager, other members of City staff; and members of the news media.

A quorum being present, Mayor Melton called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

ORDINANCE

**Levying the tax for the 2011 tax year.** Council member Goates motioned that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 52.275 cents, which is effectively a 3.41 percent increase in the tax rate. He stated that this was not a tax increase but an effective increase. The increase was from property tax valuation of new property. It was seconded by Council member Graff that the ordinance be approved on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

ATTEST:          APPROVED:

Norma A. Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC         Larry L. Melton
City Secretary                  Mayor