

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, September 7, 2016, at 5:01 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Buzzett, Lowry, and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Chief of Police Matt Herring, and Financial Analyst Mike Lacour were also present. Commissioner Ashbrook participated by telephone due to the death of his father-in-law and Attorney Tom Gibson was absent.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was Ordinance 526 – 2016 / 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing and First Reading and Ordinance 527 – 2016 / 2017 Budget Public Hearing and First Reading.

*Ordinance 526*

No one from the public spoke on Ordinance 526.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Lowry, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 526. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Anderson read Ordinance 526 in its entirety.

*Ordinance 527*

No one from the public spoke on Ordinance 527.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Lowry, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 527. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Anderson read Ordinance 527 by Title only.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Final Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance 526 AD Valorem Tax and Ordinance 527 Budget will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 5:01 P.M., in the Ward Ridge Building, 2775 Garrison Avenue.

Commissioner Thursbay shared that the City had approximately \$90,000 less for the budget this fiscal year than the previous year and thanked Staff for their work on the budget and noted that some hard decisions had to be made for the budget.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Lowry, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:14 P.M.

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

  
James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

9/21/2016  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

9/21/2016  
Date