



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TX 77477

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem, Rick J. Staigle, at 6:33 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro-Tem, Rick J. Staigle	City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford
Alderman Steven Bezner	Alderman, Kurt Kopczynski
Alderman, Kelle K. Mills	

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV and Aldermen John F. Isbell were not present.

B. Second Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate

- 1. Conduct the second public hearing giving all persons interested the right to appear and to be heard on the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 15.58 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code).**

Mayor Pro-Tem Staigle opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. and stated the purpose of today's hearing is to give all interested parties the right to appear and be heard regarding the City's proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 15.58 percent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Staigle then called those who signed up to speak at the Public Hearing.

Stuart Barrowman, resident at 11947 Brook Meadows Lane, questions the increase in salaries for both administration and parks. He stated that he doesn't think any more staff for the parks department is necessary.

Mayor Pro-Tem Staigle explained that the increase in administration is for a City Administrator and the increase in parks is for one new employee to help with the added amenities and events.

Cindy Barrowman, resident at 11947 Brook Meadows Lane, spoke against any more amenities in the parks. She stated that she thinks the city has enough. She specifically asked about a bandshell going in at the baseball fields.

Mayor Pro-Tem Staigle explained that a bandshell is in the long-term plan, but not budgeted in the upcoming budget.

Terry Henley, resident at 12203 Alston, spoke against the tax rate increase. He also stated that his #1 priority is safety of the citizens, but more officers are not needed at this time.

Mayor Jessup then stated the City Council will meet on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Meadows Place City Hall, 1 Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas, for the purpose of voting on the proposed tax rate. There being no one desiring to speak, Mayor Jessup closed this public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

Mike Bezner, resident at 11842 Mulholland, stated that tax rate increase takes away the savings of the homestead exemption and council shouldn't have changed the homestead exemption. He would like to see the homestead exemption for over 65 be 100% and frozen,

Ken Smith, resident at 11931 Valencia, stated that he was disappointed to see that very few people showed up for the public hearing, but according to recent posts on Facebook residents support the tax rate increase.

Mayor Pro-Tem Staigle that city is currently in negotiations with VROOM to replace the missing revenue due to lack of retail along the 59 frontage. This has not been finalized, but if approved the city could consider a possible tax rate of \$0.890.

Alderman Bezner suggested spending from the reserves in order to reduce proposed tax rate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Staigle also stated that the last 3 years the revenue has exceeded the proposed so maybe council could look at increasing the proposed revenue.

Alderman Bezner suggested that Council have one more workshop to review the budget and tax rate before the adoption on September 24th.

Council agreed to hold a workshop on September 24th at 5:30 p.m. before the regular council meeting.

There was also discussion among Council regarding other line items that could be changed in order to reduce the tax rate.

Chris Gawlik, resident at 11419 Scottsdale, stated that he's seen an overwhelming amount of support of the impact is truly just \$27.00 per year, but he's not sure about \$150 to \$200 per year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Staigle stated that increase varies depending on how its calculated.

There being nobody else to speak Mayor Pro-Tem Staigle closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

C. Adjourn

There being no further business on the agenda Alderman Kopczynski moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Bezner, Kopczynski, and Mills

Nays: None

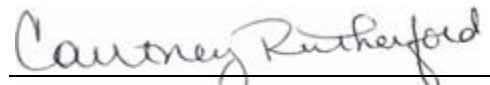
Alderman Isbell was not present.

The motion carried.


The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

