

CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Members Present:

Mayor Linda Langerhans
Councilmember Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Gary Neffendorf (left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.)
Councilmember Tom Musselman

Members Absent:

Councilmember Bobby Watson

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director Public Works and Utilities
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Laura Hollenbeak, Finance Director
Russell Immel, Information Technology Director
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Langerhans called the special meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, in the City Hall Conference Room, 126 West Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.

2. PRESENT INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED 2019 TAX RATE.

Laura Hollenbeak, Finance Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the tax rate, property tax calculations, and the comparisons.

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed property taxes of 0.232284, General Fund services, expenditures, and new funding.

a) Hold a public hearing to receive comments.

Mayor Langerhans opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Sandy Hollender spoke regarding the Gillespie County and City shared expenses. She also stated she is opposed to the property tax rate increase.

Annette Bennett spoke regarding appraisal increases and property tax increases. She also stated she is opposed to the property tax rate increase.

Dr. Robin Fleck spoke regarding the Gillespie County and City tax rate and feels they both should rollback the tax rate. She encouraged the City to be more fiscally responsible.

Dennis Ridner spoke regarding the new development and how the new homes are adding to the tax base, so the tax rate should be lowered.

Carol Hammersen spoke regarding parks and other services. She also stated she is opposed to the proposed tax rate increase.

Kathy Leonard spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate increase.

Russell Immel spoke to the reasons why a tax increase is needed and the services the City provides.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to go out of Public Hearing into Regular Session at 7:05 p.m. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

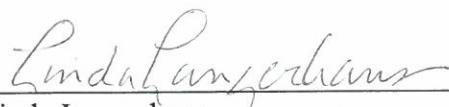
b) Announce date time and place of:

- i. Second Public Hearing on Tax Rate - Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center, 1601 East Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas.**
- ii. Adoption of 2019 Tax Rate - Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 126 W. Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas.**

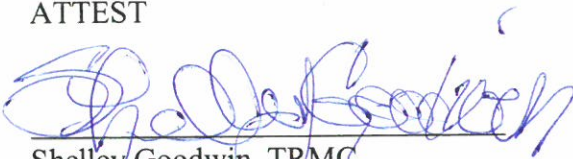
Kent Myers, City Manager, announced the second Public Hearing for the Tax Rate is schedule on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center and the adoption of 2019 Tax Rate and FY 2020 City budget is schedule on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6 p.m.

3. ADJOURN

Motion: With no other business Mayor Langerhans closed the Wednesday, September 11, 2019, City Council Special Meeting at 7:09 p.m.


Linda Langerhans
Mayor

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary