

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 16, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz
Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams
Councilwomen Kelly Ewing and Lori Shierry
Councilmen Andy Payne and Brad Wynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager
David Sherrill, Public Works Director
Steve Davis, Chief of Police
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director
Lewis Skinner, Fire Chief
Sherry Fowler, Police Sergeant
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Michael Baker Lindsey Vann
Ruth James

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Proclamation.

- A. A Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Proclaiming September 17 Through 23, 2019 as “Constitution Week” in Iowa Park.

The Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming September 17 through 23, 2019 as “Constitution Week” in Iowa Park.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Public Hearing.

- A. A Public Hearing to Discuss and Consider the City of Iowa Park’s Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

The public hearing opened at 7:01 p.m. The City Manager briefed the Council on the proposed operating budget for both the General Fund and Water and Sewer Fund. The proposed General Fund budget has revenues and expenditures of \$4,275,690.00. Capital outlays included in the budget are a new police utility vehicle, fire pickup, street construction, building improvements to City Hall, animal control facility, library ballroom and computer hardware/software upgrades. Also budgeted is a new communications console for dispatch as well as automated external defibrillators for the library and swimming pool, new diving board and tire deflation systems for the Police Department.

The proposed Utility Fund reflects revenues and expenditures of \$4,116,220.00. Capital outlays included in the budget are a utility pickup, building improvements for City Hall, painting of the ground storage tanks, computer hardware/software updates, an automated external defibrillator for utility billing and utility maintenance equipment. The public hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

- B. A Public Hearing to Discuss and Consider a Proposal to Increase Total Tax Revenue From Properties on the Certified Tax Rolls and to Schedule a Date and Time for a Public Meeting to Adopt the Tax Rate.

The public hearing opened at 7:14 p.m. The City Manager explained that the General Fund’s budget is based off of a \$0.76 per \$100.00 valuation. Mr. Michael Baker asked why the City can’t adopt the effective tax rate of \$0.7153 per \$100.00 valuation. It was explained that the proposed budget contains many needed capital improvement projects. Mr. Baker asked if there were other

ways of bringing in income other than through property taxes. He was told the Council has looked into other avenues without finding any. Councilwoman Williams stated if the Council adopted the effective tax rate, cuts would have to be made including laying off employees and cutting off some services. The public hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of September, 2019.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman