



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 – 6 P.M.
CITY HALL-FIRE TRAINING ROOM
126 W. MAIN STREET
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS 78624

Members Present:

Mayor Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Jerry Luckenbach
Councilmember Kathy O'Neill
Councilmember Bobby Watson

Members Absent:

Councilmember Tom Musselman

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Braxton Roemer, Police Lieutenant
Laura Hollenbeck, Finance Director
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiehne called the special meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up to speak during the Public Comment Period.

3. 2021 TAX RATE

- i. **Hold a public hearing to receive comments for or against the proposed 2021 Tax Rate.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Luckenbach, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to go out of the Regular Meeting into the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. The City Council voted four (4) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the City Council set a proposed tax rate at .225823 to formulate the budget. He reviewed the budget process and noted the proposed tax rate would likely come down.

Jerry McCorkle, City resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate.

Eric Hammersen, City resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate. He also encouraged the City Council to approve the "no new revenue tax rate."

Mo Saiidi, City resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate. He provided a handout regarding choices and encouraged the City Council to approve a “no new revenue tax rate” or below that.

Tom Marschall, City resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate. He encouraged the City Council to direct staff to scrub the budget.

Annette Bennett, City resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate. She encouraged the City Council to approve the “no new revenue tax rate”.

Debra Habecker, City resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate. She encouraged the City Council to approve the “no new revenue tax rate” and hold off on all projects proposed in the proposed budget.

James McDonald, City resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate. He reviewed the City’s ten years of tax rates and budgets, the population, and the Federal budget.

Heath Bell, City resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate. He reviewed the need to cut costs and the effects this could have on the City Council.

Tonya Benson, City resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate. She encouraged the City Council to cut the budget.

Robert Phoenix, County resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate. He also spoke about annexations, new subdivisions, and homes adding to the tax base.

Jeannette Hormuth, City resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate. She encouraged the City Council to cut the budget by 5% and adopt the “no new revenue tax rate.”


Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember O’Neill, to close the public hearing and go into the Regular Meeting at 6:42 p.m. The City Council voted four (4) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

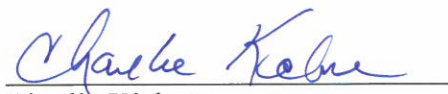
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kent Myers, City Manager, announced the City Council will vote on the 2021 Tax Rate and the Fiscal Year 2022 City Budget - Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center- 1601 East Main Street, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

5. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Luckenbach, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:44 p.m. The City Council voted four (4) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary


Charlie Kiehne
Mayor