

**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2014**

The Town Council met in special session on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at 372 Town Place, Fairview, Texas. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Henry Lessner, Council Members Ron Samuels, John Adler, Frank O'Reilly, Paul Hendricks and Renee Powell; Town Manager, Julie Couch; Assistant to the Town Manager, Adam Wilbourn; Economic Development Manager, Ray Dunlap; Chief Financial Officer, Jason Weeks; Fire Chief, Dick Price; Police Chief, Granver Tolliver; and Interim Town Secretary, Caitlin Scalley. Mayor Darion Culbertson was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Lessner called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

PROPOSED FY2014-2015 BUDGET: Discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget.

Jason Weeks gave a presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 proposed budget and proposed property tax rate of \$0.359999. Mr. Weeks stated the proposed budget had been properly filed with the Town Secretary's office on August 1, 2014 and notice of the public hearing regarding the proposed budget was published on August 10, 2014 in the McKinney Courier-Gazette. The proposed budget and notice of the public hearing were posted to the town's website. Mr. Weeks stated the \$0.35999 proposed tax rate consists of an interest and sinking (I&S) rate of \$0.138266 and a maintenance and operations (M&O) rate of \$0.221733. Mr. Weeks gave an overview of the proposed budget, including the General Fund and Water and Wastewater Fund. He stated the fund balances in the General Fund are at 58% and the Water Fund reflects 288 days of working capital. Mr. Weeks presented proposed funding for the Gus Macker tournament and the provision of in-house ambulance services. Mr. Weeks stated the proposed budget recommends a 15% utility rate increase to address outside increases and to maintain the future capacity to fund need capital improvements. Mr. Weeks stated total revenues are roughly \$16.7 million and total expenditures are roughly \$17.4 million.

Council had a discussion regarding the need for comparisons to similar communities in relation to expenditures, water consumption and water rate increases.

PROPOSED FY2014-2015 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING: Conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Lessner opened the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 proposed budget. No comments were made.

Mayor Pro Tem Lessner closed the public hearing. No action was taken.

PROPOSED FY2014-2015 PROPERTY TAX RATE: Conduct the first public hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 proposed property tax rate.

Mr. Weeks stated the town must hold two public hearings on the proposed property tax rate because the proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate. The town published a "Notice of 2014 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate" in the McKinney Courier-Gazette on August 10, 2014 and to the town website on August 5, 2014. Mr. Weeks stated last year's average taxable value of a residence homestead in the town was \$359,915, and this year's average taxable value has increased to \$393,458.

Mayor Pro Tem Lessner opened the first public hearing on proposed property tax rate. No comments were made.

Mayor Pro Tem Lessner closed the public hearing. No action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Lessner announced the second public hearing on the proposed property tax rate will take place on August 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. He announced Town Council will adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget and property tax rate at the September 2, 2014 regular Town Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Lessner adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.


HENRY LESSNER, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST: 
Caitlin Scalley, Interim Town Secretary

