

**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2021**

The Town Council met in special session on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at 372 Town Place, Fairview, Texas. Those present were Mayor Henry Lessner; Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Doi; Councilmembers Rich Connelly, Gregg Custer, Larry Little, Ken Logsdon and John Hubbard. Staff present included Town Manager, Julie Couch; Police Chief, Granver Tolliver; Fire Chief, Jeff Bell; CFO, Steven Ventura; and Assistant to the Town Manager, Adam Wilbourn. Staff present via teleconference was Town Secretary, Tenitrus Bethel.

Mayor Lessner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and declared a quorum was present and invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas State pledge.

CITIZENS COMMENT:

No one came forward.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET AND TAX RATE:

Mr. Ventura gave a presentation on agenda item 5, conduct a public hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 proposed budget and agenda item 6, conduct a public hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 proposed tax rate.

Mr. Ventura stated the staff goals for this budget were to maintain Town services with adequate resources, address personnel pay and benefits and to maintain a tax rate not to exceed the current rate. He stated the proposed budget is based upon the proposed tax rate of \$0.345580 per \$100, which is a decrease from the current tax rate of \$0.347156. He reviewed fund revenues, expenditures, balances and transfers, water and sewer rates, utility rates, transfers, debt service, reserves, TIF and solid waste rates.

The Council had a discussion related to the proposed budget.

Mayor Lessner opened the public hearing.

Glen Lauter, 717 Elmbrook, inquired about budgeted tax revenue.

Mayor Lessner closed the public hearing.

Mr. Ventura reviewed the public hearing notice stated the proposed budget will raise more in property tax revenue than last year in an amount of \$470,143, an increase of 6.48% from last year's budget and the property tax revenue raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$220,431. He reviewed the tax rate comparison. He stated the current tax rate is \$0.347156; staff is proposing the voter approval rate of \$0.345580 for fiscal year 2021-22 with an M&O rate of \$0.245536 and I&S rate of \$0.100044. He reviewed the various tax rates and stated the proposed tax rate is equal to the voter approval tax rate.

He presented and reviewed a chart of data comparing historical to current information including: the assessed value of the Town, percentage of increase, average home valuation, M&O and I&S

rates, total tax rate and the average property tax. He stated the average home valuation in the Town is \$571,719; and at the proposed rate of \$0.345580 the average property tax bill would be \$1,975.75.

The Council and staff had an extended discussion related to the proposed tax rate.

Mr. Ventura stated the next steps will be at the Tuesday, September 7 Regular Council Meeting Council will consider the adoption of the proposed budget and tax rate.

The Council and staff had an extended discussion related to the proposed budget.

Mayor Lessner opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lessner closed the public hearing.

Mayor Lessner announced the date for the adoption of the fiscal year 2021-22 proposed budget and tax rate, as September 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

DICSUSSION-PROPOSED FY 2021-22 BUDGET:

Ms. Couch introduced agenda item 7, discuss proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget, capital planning, budget process, meeting dates, and other related matters and take any necessary action.

Ms. Couch stated staff budgeted a 10% increase for employee health coverage for fiscal year 202-22; and the current provider presented staff with a 60% increased cost for coverage. She stated the Town is working with an insurance broker to solicit proposals for coverage. She reviewed the results and stated the best option presented has been with Blue Cross Blue Shield which comes with an increase of 48% in coverages costs. She stated the goal of staff is to present the final proposals to the Council at the September regular meeting.

The Council and staff had an extended discussion related to this topic.

Mayor Lessner adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.


Tenitrus Bethel, Town Secretary


Henry Lessner, Mayor

