

**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2022**

The Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at 372 Town Place, Fairview, Texas. Those present were Mayor Henry Lessner; Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Doi and Councilmembers Larry Little, Ken Logsdon and John Hubbard. Councilmember Gregg Custer attended via RingCentral. Councilmember Rich Connelly was absent. Staff present included Town Manager, Julie Couch; Police Chief, Granver Tolliver; CFO, Steven Ventura; and Assistant to the Town Manager, Adam Wilbourn. Town Secretary, Tenitrus Bethel; attended via RingCentral.

Mayor Lessner called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

CITIZENS INPUT

No one came forward.

DISCUSSION – PROPOSED FY 2022-23 AD VALOREM TAX RATE: Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 3, consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an ordinance regarding the proposed 2022-23 ad valorem tax rate.

Mr. Ventura reviewed the staff report and stated the proposed tax rate of \$0.321577, consisting of \$0.238407 for M&O and \$0.083170 for I&S. He stated “This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 9.19 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$-7.13.”

Councilmember Hubbard made a motion to approve an ordinance approving the proposed fiscal year 2022-23 ad valorem tax rate as proposed at \$0.321577: with an M&O of \$0.238407 and an I&S of \$0.083170. Councilmember Doi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION – PROPOSED FY 2022-23 BUDGET APPROVAL: Ms. Couch introduced agenda item 4, consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an ordinance approving the proposed 2021-22 fiscal year budget.

Mr. Ventura reviewed the staff report and stated the proposed budget includes the rate increases for water, wastewater and solid waste. He stated “This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$635,405, which is a 8.23% increase from last year’s budget. the property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$239,285.”

Councilmember Logsdon made a motion to approve an ordinance approving the proposed fiscal year 2022-23 budget as submitted. Councilmember Little seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem Doi:	aye	Councilmember Custer:	aye
Councilmember Little:	aye	Councilmember Hubbard:	aye
Councilmember Logsdon:	aye	Mayor Lessner:	aye

DISCUSSION – RATIFYING FY 2022-23 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE:

Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 5, consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an ordinance ratifying the 2022-23 property tax revenue increase.

Mr. Ventura reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Doi made a motion to approve an ordinance ratifying the fiscal year 2022-23 property tax revenue increase. Councilmember Logsdon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION – APPROVED AMENDED FY 2021-22 BUDGET: Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 6, consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an ordinance amending the 2021-22 fiscal year budget.

Mr. Ventura reviewed the amended budget as presented. He stated staff is recommending approval.

Councilmember Custer made a motion to approve an ordinance approving the amended fiscal year 2020-21 budget. Councilmember Logsdon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION – SOLID WASTE INCREASE: Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 7, consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an ordinance approving a rate increase related to solid waste service.

Mr. Ventura reviewed the staff report and stated there will be a rate increase of 3.4% as agreed upon in the contract. He reviewed the rates for seniors and non-seniors. He stated staff is recommending approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Doi made a motion to approve the rate increase for solid waste. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION – WATER & WASTEWATER INCREASE: Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 8, consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an ordinance approving a rate increase related to water and wastewater rates.

Mr. Ventura reviewed the staff report and current fiscal year rate structure. He stated due to increased demands on NTMWD the water rates will increase 13% and wastewater will increase by 20%. He reviewed the estimate monetary impact to residential customers. He stated staff is recommending approval with an effective date of October 1, 2022; this effect would appear on the November statements.

Ms. Couch discussed the NTMWD take or pay and the new minimum.

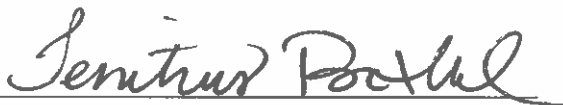
The Council and staff had a discussion related to this item.

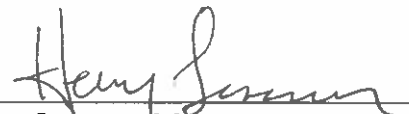
Councilmember Hubbard made a motion to approve the rate increase for water and sewer services. Councilmember Logsdon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION – MOSQUITO SERVICES: Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 9, discuss mosquito services contract and take any necessary action.

The Council and staff had a brief discussion related to this topic. No action was taken.

Mayor Lessner adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.


Tenitrus Bethel, Town Secretary


Henry Lessner, Mayor

