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September 19, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**ATTENDEES:**

Mayor	L. Kelly Jones
Council Member	Phillip Poole
Council Member	Brian Libbey
Council Member	Michael Dingman
Council Member	Robert Fitzgerald
Council Member	Halden Griffith
City Administrator/Sec	Brandy Barrett
Police Chief	Kevin Reaves
Deputy City Secretary	Elisa Greubel
City Attorney	Brenda McDonald

**ABSENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Jones at 6:00 PM**

**INVOCATION** was given by Councilman Brian Libbey.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mayor Jones.

**SPECIAL SESSION:**

**A. Citizen Comments**

Margaret Worthington, 5700 Tracyne – regarding PILOT programs

**B. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action on the Long-Range Planning Advisory Board’s recommendation to modify the city’s mission, vision, and goals statements. *(The Long-Range Planning Advisory Board discussed modifications at multiple meetings and on September 12<sup>th</sup> recommended the city council make the proposed modifications.)*

**MOTION to amend Long Range Planning Advisory Board’s recommendation, the zoning portion of the goals statements to state “Support orderly growth of the commercial district west of Kings Branch and maintain continuity of single-family neighborhoods across our residential zones.”**

- **MADE BY:** Halden Griffith. **SECOND:** Phillip Poole.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 4 Ayes and 1 Nays (Fitzgerald).

**MOTION to approve the city’s mission, vision, and goals statements as presented with the approved amendment.**

- **MADE BY:** Halden Griffith. **SECOND:** Mike Dingman.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**C. Public Hearing** (recessed on September 12, 2023)

Mayor Jones re-opened a public hearing at 6:28 PM to receive citizen comments and input on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget. (*Council will take action when the public hearing is closed.*)

- There were no comments.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 PM

**D. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 502 adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

**MOTION to approve Ordinance 502 adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.**

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Mike Dingman.
- **Motion passed** with a roll call vote of 4 Ayes (Poole, Dingman, Libbey, Fitzgerald), 0 Nays, and 1 Abstention (Griffith).

**E. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action to ratify the property tax increase as reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget as the Budget will require raising more tax revenue than in the previous year, whether from a tax increase or an increase in taxable value.

**MOTION to ratify the property tax increase as reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.**

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Halden Griffith.
- **DISCUSSION:** The council requested it be noted on the record that this is the same tax rate that is currently in place and the increase in revenue is due to new construction added to the tax rolls and increased valuations.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**F. Public Hearing** (recessed on September 12, 2023)

Mayor Jones re-opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments and input on the adoption of the 2023 Tax Rate of \$.475 per \$100 of valuation with the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by \$269,133, of which \$87,557 is tax revenue raised from new properties added to the tax roll this year. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease at a greater or lesser rate, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property and the tax rate that is adopted. (*Council will take action when the public hearing is closed.*) at 6:30 PM.

- There were no comments.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM

**G. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action **to approve** Ordinance 503 setting and adopting the 2023 Municipal Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$.475 per \$100 valuation.

**MOTION that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .4750, which is effectively a 15 percent increase in the tax rate.**

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Mike Dingman.
- **DISCUSSION:** The council requested it be noted on the record that this is the same tax rate that is currently in place and the increase in revenue is due to new construction added to the tax rolls and increased valuations.

- **Motion passed** with a roll call vote of 5 Ayes (Poole, Dingman, Libbey, Fitzgerald, Griffith) and 0 Nays.

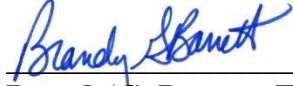
**The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM by Mayor Jones.**

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**



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**L. Kelly Jones, Mayor**

**SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:**



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**Brandy G. Barrett, TRMC**  
City Administrator/City Secretary