



Tuesday, September 20, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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

ABSENT: City Attorney Will Pruitt

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:

1. Citizen Comments

- There were no citizen comments

2. Public Hearing (recessed from September 13, 2022)

Mayor Jones re-opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments and input on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. The proposed budget is based on no change to the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.475 per \$100 of valuation. (Council will take action when the public hearing is closed.)

- There were no comments.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 PM

3. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 494 adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

MOTION to approve Ordinance 494 adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

- MADE BY: Phillip Poole. SECOND: Mike Dingman.
Roll call vote: Poole, Aye; Dingman, Aye; Libbey, Aye; Fitzgerald, Aye; Griffith, Aye
Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

4. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action to ratify the property tax increase as reflected in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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 2022-2023.

- MADE BY: Halden Griffith. SECOND: Robert Fitzgerald.
Motion passed by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**5. Public Hearing** (recessed on September 13, 2022)

Mayor Jones re-opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments and input on the adoption of the 2022 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 \$289,778, of which \$39,310 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.)*

- There were no comments.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 PM

**6. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 495 setting and adopting the 2022 Municipal Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$.475 per \$100 valuation.

- Councilman Phillip Poole requested it to be on the record that “The five councilmembers seated here today are not increasing the tax rate of our citizens. It is remaining the same as it has been last year and the year before.”
- Councilman Robert Fitzgerald requested it to be on the record that “The reason why we have to use this type of language is because of the state government of Texas.”

**MOTION that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .4750, which is effectively a 17 percent increase in the tax rate.**

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Mike Dingman.
- **Roll call vote:** Poole, Aye; Dingman, Aye; Libbey, Aye; Fitzgerald, Aye; Griffith, Aye
- **Motion passed** by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**7. Mayor Jones**

Discuss and take action on Resolution 2022-11 approving the submission of an application for the Bullet Resistant Shield grant program.

**MOTION to approve Resolution 2022-11 approving the submission of an application for the Bullet Resistant Shield grant program.**


- **MADE BY:** Halden Griffith. **SECOND:** Robert Fitzgerald.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes 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

