



City of Freeport

FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Minutes

September 9, 2021, 5:05pm

Freeport City Council Chambers

Council Members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilman Tripp Hope, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilman Mark Martin. Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner arrived after the vote.

Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Finance Officer Sara Bowers, City Manager Charlie Simmons, Interim City Clerk Samantha Graves.

1. Meeting Called to Order

The September 9, 2021 Freeport City Council Budget Hearing was called to order at 5:05p.m. by Mayor Russ Barley.

2. First Public Hearing 2021-2022 Budget

Mayor Barley turned the meeting over to City Attorney Clayton Adkinson.

Attorney Adkinson announced that this was the first Public Budget Hearing. Adkinson announced that the advertised proposed millage rate of 4.7302% is greater than the roll back rate of 4.2327 mills by 11.75%.

Adkinson announced the intended budget is \$ 24,820,980

Moved by Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon
Second by Councilman Eddie Farris

To adopt the intended millage rate of 4.7302%

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Councilman Martin: aye
Councilman Farris: aye
Councilwoman Brannon: aye
Councilman Hope: aye

Public Comment:

Mr. David Hewins of Freeport asked the Council members if the intended millage rate is double the current rate. The Council informed him that it is not; the intended millage rate is the same as the current rate.

Mr. Hewins then asked if maintenance of the lift stations is included in the budget proposal; the Council members confirmed that lift station maintenance is included.

Moved by Councilman Eddie Farris
Seconded by Councilman Tripp Hope

To adopt the intended budget of \$24,820,980.

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Councilman Martin: aye
Councilman Farris: aye
Councilwoman Brannon: aye
Councilman Hope: aye

Public Comment: None

Moved by: Councilman Hope
Seconded by: Councilwoman Brannon

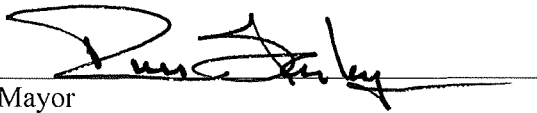
To schedule the Final Public Budget Hearing for September 20, 2021 at 5:05pm at Freeport City Hall.

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Councilman Martin: aye
Councilman Farris: aye
Councilwoman Brannon: aye
Councilman Hope: aye

3. Adjournment


Mayor Barley adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.



Mayor

ATTEST:





City Clerk