

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF DAWSON }
CITY OF LAMESA }

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

August 31, 2021

On this the 31st day of August 2021, at 5:30 P.M., there came on and was held a regularly called meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas. Notice of such meeting having been posted at the City Hall at 601 South First Street in the City of Lamesa, Texas in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Govt. Code, Chapter 551). The following items were listed on the notice and the following proceedings were had, viz.:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stevens announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Govt. Code, Chapter 551), and that discussion and actions are limited to the agenda items as posted. A quorum being present as evidenced by the presence 5 City Council Members were present:

JOSH STEVENS	Mayor
MORGAN VERMILLION	Council Member – District 1
FRED VERA	Council Member – District 2 MAYOR PRO-TEM
GLORIA V. RODRIGUEZ	Council Member – District 3 Absent
DORE EVAN RODRIQUEZ	Council Member - District 4 Absent
BOBBY G. GONZALES	Council Member – District 5
DOUG MORRIS	Council Member – District 6

City staff members present at the meeting:

WAYNE CHAPMAN	INTERIM CITY MANAGER
BETTY CONDE	CITY SECRETARY
RUSSELL CASSELBERRY	CITY ATTORNEY

Members of the press present at the meeting:

Russell Skiles

Members of the public present at the meeting:

Larry Duyck	Ernest Ogeda	Scott Leonard
Josh Peterson	Brian Beck	Sandy Trevino
Norma Garcia	Irma Ramirez	Lee Peterson
Bob Henderson	Leticia Dimas	

INVOCATION: Bobby Gonzales

RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET: Consider ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget that raises more property taxes than the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. *(City Manager)*

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$96,360, WHICH IS A 4.13% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$0.

Motion by Council Member Doug Morris to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget that raises more property tax rate than the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. This year's proposed tax rate of \$0.853826 exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate. Motion seconded by Council Member Fred Vera and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
JOSH STEVENS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MORGAN VERMILLION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FRED VERA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DORE EVAN RODRIGUEZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOBBY GONZALES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DOUGLAS MORRIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2021 (DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE): Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate which will raise the amount of revenue required to pay Debt Service at a rate of **\$0.0000** per hundred dollar assessed valuation for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. *(City Manager)*

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales must be stated as;

I MOVE THAT THE CITY ESTABLISH THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE WHICH WILL RAISE THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE REQUIRED TO PAY DEBT SERVICE AT A RATE OF \$0.0000 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUATION FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022."

Motion seconded by Council Member Doug Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed. **RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS**

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
JOSH STEVENS	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
Morgan VERMILLION	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
FRED VERA	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	_____	_____	_____
DORE EVAN RODRIGUEZ	_____	_____	_____
BOBBY GONZALEZ	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
DOUGLAS MORRIS	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2021 (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAX RATE):
Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate which will raise the amount of revenue needed to fund Maintenance and Operation expenditures at a rate of **\$0.853826** for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022.
(City Manager)

THIS TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 4.13 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$30.59. {Section 26.05(b)1(A&B) OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE}.

Motion by Council Member Doug Morris must be stated as; **"I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE \$.0853826 WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 4.92 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.**

Motion seconded by Council Member Morgan Vermillion and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

JOSH STEVENS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
MORGAN VERMILLION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
FRED VERA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
DORE EVAN RODRIQUEZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
BOBBY GONZALES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
DOUGLAS MORRIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2021: Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate of **\$.0853826** per hundred dollar assessed valuation for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, and adopting the provisions of Section 31.05 of the State Property Tax Code to provide for discounts under certain conditions. *(City Manager)*

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THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$96,360, WHICH IS A 4.13 AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$0 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

Motion by Council Member Fred Vera must be stated as; **"I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.853826, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 4.92 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.**

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 4.13 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$30.59.

City of Lamesa ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE."

Motion seconded by Council Member Bobby Gonzales and upon being put to a vote the motion _____.

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
JOSH STEVENS	—√—	—	—
MORGAN VERMILLION	—√—	—	—
FRED VERA	—√—	—	—
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	—	—	—
DORE EVAN RODRIQUEZ	—	—	—
BOBBY GONZALES	—√—	—	—
DOUGLAS MORRIS	—√—	—	—

DISCUSSION SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOAN (SBA) FOR REPAIRS FOR PARKS AND BUILDINGS: City Council to discuss loan to repair or replace disaster-damaged property.

APPOINTMENT FOR EDC: City Council to consider recommendation(s) of a new member to fill the vacancy on the LEAP board for a two (2) year term ending on December 2023.

Passed on Item # 8

USDA RESERVE ACCOUNT: City Council to consider approving the designated signatories for the USDA Reserve Account.

Motion by Council Member Gonzales to approve resolution to open a bank account for the USDA Reserve Account and designating the authorized signatories. Motion seconded by Council Member Doug Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 5 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council of the City of Lamesa will be September 7, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

ATTEST:


Betty Conde
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Josh Stevens
Mayor

Upcoming Meetings

- **September 7, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting – 2nd**
Reading of Ordinance for Tax Rate with **RECORD VOTE** (I&S, M&O and Total)
- **September 14, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting to be cancelled.**