

**City of Meadowlakes**  
**City Council Budget Work Session Minutes**  
**July 28, 2020 – 2:00pm**

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Totten Hall, Meadowlakes Municipal Offices**  
**177 Broadmoor Street, Meadowlakes, Texas**

The City Council of the City of Meadowlakes held a Budget Work Session at Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall on July 28, 2020, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting.

**Present:**

Mary Ann Raesener, Mayor  
Mike Barry, Councilmember  
Barbara Peskin, Councilmember  
Jerry Drummond, Councilmember  
Eddie Wise, Councilmember  
Gerry Mason, Councilmember

**Staff:**

Johnnie Thompson, City Manager  
Evan Bauer, City Secretary  
Debbie Holley, Treasurer  
David Klotz, Golf Pro

1. **Call to Order and Quorum Determination.** Mayor Raesener called the work session to order at 2:00 pm and announced the presence of a quorum.
2. **Citizen Comments.** Mayor Raesener read Susan Bailey's Certificate of Withdrawal from candidacy for Mayor. Ms. Bailey withdrew today, July 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition, City Secretary, Evan Bauer, read into record a comment from resident, Renee Semien, who wanted to inform council of an incident that happened to her on June 23<sup>rd</sup> while she was out walking in Meadowlakes. She said she was being harassed by the mail man as she walked down the street and he hit her with his mail vehicle. She now feels unsafe to walk in this city. Ms. Semien wanted to reach out to council in hopes that they would contact the Postmaster and demand that the driver be removed from Meadowlakes.
3. **Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.** Mr. Thompson reviewed with the Council some minor changes that had been made to the proposed draft fiscal year 2021 budget. The Council and Mr. Thompson discussed income that would be generated by various ad valorem tax rates. The proposed budget reflected a total of \$425,000 in income from ad valorem taxes for the General Fund and \$372,000 in ad valorem taxes for the Debt Service Fund which would require an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.2802 per \$100 taxable valuation. A general discussion was held among the Council and Mr. Thompson regarding various rates and the amount of income each would generate for the General Fund. In general, the Council felt that it would be prudent to establish the proposed tax rate at the same rate as last year which was \$0.287 per \$100 taxable valuation. It was noted that the proposed rate did exceed the No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approved rates, however, it was below the De Minimis Rate. The proposed tax rate would generate approximately \$23,000 in additional revenue for the General Fund.
4. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ESTABLISHING A PRELIMINARY AD VALOREM (PROPERTY) TAX RATE FOR 2020 AND SETTING TIME, PLACE AND DATE OF REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING(S) WITH REGARD TO ADOPTION OF AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET.** After

further discussion, Councilmember Mason made a motion to set the preliminary tax rate for FY20 at \$0.2870 which is the same rate as last year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried unanimously. Councilmember Mason made a motion to set the time, date, and place of the required public hearing with regard to the adoption of an ad valorem tax rate and the FY21 budget for September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6pm at the Meadowlakes City Hall.

5. **Adjournment.** Mayor Raesener Adjourned the work session at 2:46pm.

**Approved:** /s/ Mary Ann Raesener  
Mayor, Mary Ann Raesener

**Date:** August 11, 2020

**Attest:** /s/ Evan Bauer  
City Secretary, Evan Bauer

**Date:** August 11, 2020