

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL SESSION
CITY OF GREY FOREST
LA ESCONDIDA CELEBRATION CENTER
9888 ESCONDIDA ROAD
HELOTES, TX 78023
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 – 6:30 PM**

A Special Called Meeting of the Grey Forest City Council of September 28, 2020.

City Council Present:

Mayor Charles M. Thornton, Mayor Pro Tem Susan Darst, Council Member Jennifer Nottingham, Council Member Geri Poss, Council Member Sean Skaggs, and Council Member Kimberly Verity.

Staff Present:

Shannan Kinsley, Scott Ristow, and Rene Rodriguez. City Attorney Ryan Henry.

Registered/Recognized Citizens/Guests:

Susan Beavins, Madeline McCloskey, and Kay McCloskey

The Mayor called the City Council to order at 6:32 PM.

Mayor Thornton declared a quorum with all Council present. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

No one signed up to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED FY 20/21 OPERATING BUDGET BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

Mayor Thornton opened the Public Hearing at 6:33 PM.

Ms. Madeline McCloskey addressed the City Council regarding the Grey Forest Community Board's budget line items. A discussion was held regarding modifying budget line item titles. She expressed concerns regarding the budgeted amount of \$3000 for the construction of a Playground. It was noted that the budget may be amended in the future should the need arise to purchase the playground equipment.

Mayor Thornton closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 2020 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF GREY FOREST.

Mayor Thornton opened the Public Hearing at 6:49 PM.

No comments were received.

Mayor Thornton closed the Public Hearing at 6:49 PM.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 245, AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE

CITY OF GREY FOREST FOR THE 2020/2021 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

Council Member Poss questioned the salary budget line item for Public Works and the number of employees. An explanation was provided as to the makeup of the department. Mayor Thornton briefed the City Council on budgetary changes, since the previous draft of the budget. The Council discussed previous budget's expense and revenues. Council discussed approaching Grey Forest Utilities to increase revenues.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERITY TO APPROVE ORD. NO. 245, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET THAT WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR BY AN AMOUNT OF \$1,235.00, WHICH IS A 2.056% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVEUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$546,082.00. COUNCIL MEMBER POSS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE CITY SECRETARY CALLED FOR A RECORDED VOTE:

MAYOR PRO TEM SUSAN DARST AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER NOTTINGHAM – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER GERI POSS – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER SEAN SKAGGS - AYE, AND COUNCIL MEMBER KIMBERLY VERITY- AYE. MOTION PASSED

DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 246, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX RATE OF \$0.088441 PER \$100 OF VALUE, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 2.056% INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE, AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE 2020/2021 FISCAL YEAR.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER NOTTINGHAM THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED FROM THE NO-NEW REVENUE RATE BY THE ADOPTION OF TAX RATE OF \$0.088441 PER \$100 VALUATION, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 2.056% INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS FROM THE NO-NEW-REVENUE RATE FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM DARST.

THE CITY SECRETARY CALLED FOR A RECORDED VOTE:

MAYOR PRO TEM SUSAN DARST AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER NOTTINGHAM – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER GERI POSS – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER SEAN SKAGGS - AYE, AND COUNCIL MEMBER KIMBERLY VERITY- AYE. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POSS THAT OUT OF THE TAX RATE OF \$0.088441 PER \$100 VALUATION, THE TAX RATE THAT, IF APPLIED TO THE TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE, WILL IMPOSE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST THAT WILL BE PAID TO PAY THE CITY'S DEBTS IN THE NEXT YEAR FROM PROPERTY TAX REVENUE, INCLUDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR COLLECTIONS, BE ADOPTED AT \$0.00 SINCE THE CITY HAS NO OUTSTANDING BONDS OR DEBTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER NOTTINGHAM.

THE CITY SECRETARY CALLED FOR A RECORDED VOTE:

MAYOR PRO TEM SUSAN DARST AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER NOTTINGHAM – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER GERI POSS – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER SEAN SKAGGS - AYE, AND COUNCIL MEMBER KIMBERLY VERITY- AYE. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM DARST THAT OUT OF THE TAX RATE OF \$0.008841 PER \$100 VALUATION, THE RATE THAT IF APPLIED TO THE TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE, WILL IMPOSE THE AMOUNT

OF TAXES NEEDED TO FUND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY FOR THE NEXT YEAR BE ADOPTED AT \$0.088441. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERITY.

THE CITY SECRETARY CALLED FOR A RECORDED VOTE:

MAYOR PRO TEM SUSAN DARST AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER NOTTINGHAM – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER GERI POSS – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER SEAN SKAGGS - AYE, AND COUNCIL MEMBER KIMBERLY VERITY- AYE. MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON RESOLUTION NO. 008-20, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE RECENTLY ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 WHICH INCLUDES A PROPERTY TAX RATE THAT RAISES MORE REVENUE THAN THE PRIOR YEAR'S REVENUE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SKAGGS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 008-20, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE RECENTLY ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POSS.

THE CITY SECRETARY CALLED FOR A RECORDED VOTE:

MAYOR PRO TEM SUSAN DARST AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER NOTTINGHAM – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER GERI POSS – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER SEAN SKAGGS - AYE, AND COUNCIL MEMBER KIMBERLY VERITY- AYE. MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON: "AMENDED BUDGET COVER PAGE TO RECORD VOTE OF EACH MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY BY NAME VOTING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET"

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POSS TO APPROVE THE BUDGET COVER PAGE THAT RECORDED THE VOTE OF EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHO VOTED TO ADOPT THE BUDGET. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM DARST.

THE CITY SECRETARY CALLED FOR A RECORDED VOTE:

MAYOR PRO TEM SUSAN DARST AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER NOTTINGHAM – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER GERI POSS – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER SEAN SKAGGS - AYE, AND COUNCIL MEMBER KIMBERLY VERITY- AYE. MOTION PASSED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Thornton called the City Council into Executive Session at 7:20 PM.

- 1. CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY) TO DISCUSS REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NEW LAWS PERTAINING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET AND TAX RATE.**
- 2. CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY) TO DISCUSS ALL LEGAL ASPECTS RELATED TO THE DISPUTE AND SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE RESIGNATION OF THE CITY SECRETARY.**

Mayor Thornton reconvened into Open Session at 8:50 PM.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER POSS TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE CITY SECRETARY, SHANNAN KINGSLEY, AND THAT THE CITY DOES NOT ACCEPT THE RESCENDMENT OF THE RESIGNATION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERITY.

MAYOR THORNTON CALLED FOR A RECORDED VOTE:

MAYOR PRO TEM SUSAN DARST – AYE; COUNCIL MEMBER NOTTINGHAM – NAY; COUNCIL MEMBER POSS – AYE; COUNCIL MEMBER SKAGGS – NAY; COUNCIL MEMBER VERITY – AYE. MOTION PASSED 3-2.

City Attorney Ryan Henry informed the City Council that the Shannan Kinsley should remain on Administrative Leave until October 2, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Thornton adjourned the Special City Council meeting at 8:53 PM.

These minutes were approved as written/amended on the 10 day of November, 2020.

APPROVED:



Charles M. Thornton

ATTEST:



City Secretary