

Special Council Meeting
September 18, 2019

Meeting called to order by Councilman Evans at 11:00 am.

Invocation given by Councilman Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Armijo.

Present were Councilman Justin Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans and Councilman Edward D. Armijo. Absent Mayor John Harley, Councilman Cameron Andrews and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

1st Public Hearing 2019 Millage Rate: Councilman Evans entertained motion to close special council meeting and open public hearing at 11:00am. Motion made by Councilman Wright; seconded Councilman Armijo. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Councilman Evans stated this is the first of three public hearings held to inform the citizens that the Mayor and Council will maintain the 2019 millage rate of 11.971 which funds the FY 2020 maintenance and operations of the general City government. This proposed millage rate for 2019 remains the same as the 2018 millage rate.

The total increase in revenues for FY 2020 that the proposed millage rate will generate represents a 4.39% increase over the 2018 tax levy. This increase requires the three public hearings advising the public that the City could roll back the millage rate by 4.29 percent or slightly less than five tenths of a mill. By not rolling back the millage rate to 11.479 the City will gain and additional \$96,432 income over the 2018 City taxes levied to help fund the FY 2020 General Fund budget of \$6,363,733. This \$96,432 is anticipated income only since 100% of property taxes would have to be collected to realize this full amount.

Since the proposed millage rate of 11.971 is being maintained at last year's rate, the only way a property owner would see an increase in property taxes would be if the property has been reassessed at a higher value during the year due to construction of new improvements or additions to the property.

Note: Property taxes on a \$100,000 home at the current rate of 11.971 would be \$478.84 vs. property taxes at the rollback rate of 11.479 would be \$459.16. An increase of \$19.68.

No public comments.

Councilman Evans entertained motion to close public hearing at 11:04am. Motion made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried. Unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04am.

Councilman J. Micheal Evans

Date

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield