

Special Council Meeting

September 18, 2019

Mayor Harley called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing 2019 Millage Rate: Mayor Harley read the ad that was published in the Houston Home Journal announcing the times/ dates of public hearing.

Mayor Harley entertained a motion to close the meeting and enter into a public hearing regarding the proposed 2019 millage rate. Councilman Evans made motion to close meeting and enter into public hearing at 6:01pm; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Mayor Harley stated this is the second 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 an 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.

Mayor Harley entertained a motion to close the public hearing and re-enter into the regular meeting Motion made by Councilman Evans to close public hearing and reconvene meeting at 6:04pm; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Mayor Harley asked Council if they had any comments.

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, stated if you have a house in Centerville and it there has been no change to current value/ assessment, property taxes will remain the same.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, informed all that the Houston County tax digest values increase is due to growth and because of this, the revenue has grown and we do not need to raise taxes.

Mayor Harley adjourned at 6:06pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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