

State of Texas

Brazoria County

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald
 Clan A. Cameron
 Jim Saccomanno
 Ron Wise
 Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Gary Beverly, City Manager
 Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
 Delia Munoz, City Secretary
 Larry Fansher, Public Works Director
 Jeff Pynes, Chief of Police
 John Stanford, Fire Chief
 Bob Welch, Finance Director
 Pinkey Hartline, Golf Course Director
 Nat Hickey, Property Manager

Visitors: Bobby Casale Sandra Leavey
 Brenda Laird Wright Gore, III
 Patrick Gore Jack Cameron
 Chris Moore Loren Hayes
 Joyce Adkins Louie Jones
 Lucky Gilbert Bobby Bass
 Melanie Oldham Judy Shaefer
 Larry Shaefer Susie Wise
 Jim Pirrung Mike Jones
 Jerry Meeks

Call to Order.

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing (2nd): Proposing a tax rate in excess of the effective rate for the 2008-2009 tax year.

Mayor McDonald opened the 2nd Public Hearing on proposing a tax rate in excess of the effective rate for the 2008-2009 tax year.

Melanie Oldham lives between Angleton and West Columbia pleaded to Council to keep the 0.71 tax rate as proposed. She said that lowering the rate would cut programs; Parks, Bryan Beach, and Salaries.

Loren Hayes of 1531 West 2nd Street, asked about the rate and if it was due to the budget. He said several things could be done to lower the budget, such as vehicles are being driven home using excess fuel and maintenance.

Members of the public attended the hearing and expressed their views. Their being no further comments from audience and staff, Mayor McDonald closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Consideration of the approval of proposing a tax increase for the 2008-2009 tax year.

Councilman Saccomanno suggested implementing 0.7100 per \$100 as proposed for the budget.

Councilman Cameron suggested a one cent drop, 0.7000, that this would not be a tragic impact on the Industrial Districts contracts.

The following motion was made: "I Clan Cameron, proposed a tax increase of 2.1% above the effective rate based for a total rate of 0.7000". Seconded by Councilman Wise. After receiving a second, by a record vote such motion was duly adopted. The record being :

Record Vote: Aye: Mayor McDonald	Nay: Jim Saccomanno
Councilman Cameron	Norma M. Garcia
Councilman Wise	

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor