

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, August 27, 2018 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: Mayor Troy T. Brimage  
Councilman Brooks Bass  
Councilman Ken Green  
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza (Absent)  
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Bob Welch, Finance Director / Interim City Manager  
Laura Tolar, Asst. City Secretary/Special Projects Coordinator  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director

Visitors: Christina Travis  
Kenny Hayes  
Melanie Oldham  
Desiree Pearson  
Moby Burrige  
Glenda Chavez  
Kenny Hayes  
Paul Crow  
Tommy Pearson  
Erin Callahan  
Evelyn Burrige

Call to order.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Second Tax Rate Public Hearing on adoption of proposed tax rate.

Mayor Brimage stated that the \$36,694,471 is the final appraised value for the city. Only 6% comes from single family residences. He stated that Freeport has seen growth recently that hasn't been seen in quite a while.

Mayor Brimage stated that there are 3048 homes in Freeport.

Mayor Brimage stated that if you take the \$14,830 increase and divide it by the 3,048 homes that it equals \$4.86 per household per year.

Mayor Brimage explained to the audience that if we take the effective rate we would actually be lowering the City's tax revenue by \$123,817 from industry revenue.

Mayor Brimage also stated that we are currently \$3 million over revenues in the upcoming budget year.

Mayor Brimage commented that if your appraisal value went up \$10,000 then you would be paying approximately \$62 more annually.

Glenda Chavez asked how this tax rate will affect a new home owner.

Mayor Brimage replied that they would not be affected because the home didn't exist before.

Glenda Chavez asked about the \$2 ambulance fee on her water bill.

Interim City Manager Bob Welch said that if you add the \$2 to your bill you will not be charged if you have to call the ambulance in an emergency.

Councilman Yates questioned the difference between the \$36 million and the \$29 million from commercial tax revenue. Bob Welch explained that 6% comes from single family revenues and the remaining difference is thing like multi-family residence and rural property. He also asked about the tax appraisals for individuals over 65 being frozen.

Announce the date, time, and place of the meeting at which City Council will vote on the proposed tax rate.

The city council will vote on the proposed tax rate on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 6:21 PM.

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Mayor, Troy T. Brimage  
City of Freeport, Texas

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Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar  
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