

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, September 9, 2019 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 Brimage
Councilman Brooks Bass
Councilman Ken Green
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager
Betty Wells, City Secretary
Stephanie Russell, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
Chris Duncan, City Attorney
Jerry Meeks
Nat Hickey

Visitors: Desiree Pearson
Tommy Pearson
Kenny Hayes
Sabrina Brimage

Call to order.

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

WORK SESSION:

Second Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Property Tax Rate for the 2019 Tax Year

Second Public Hearing regarding the proposed Property Tax Rate was opened at 6:00 pm. City Manager Tim Kelty spoke to Council in regards to the currently proposed tax rate \$.628005 which is the same rate as the current Fiscal Year. It is slightly higher than the Effective rate of \$.618092, and lower the Roll Back rate \$.645579. The Proposed Tax Rate will generate 1.6 % additional revenue over the effective rate. This rate does support the budget that was approved at the last Regular Meeting.

There were no comments from the public.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza and seconded by Councilman Bass the Public Hearing was closed at 6:02 pm by Mayor Troy Brimage. With all present and voting "Aye"

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Representation in IRS Matter and Delegating Authority to Execute Form 2848 IRS Power of Attorney

Assistant City Manager Stephanie Russell spoke to council regarding TML, the City's previous insurance carrier. As our carrier, TML reported on the City's behalf to the IRS. Stephanie Russell stated that there were IRS requirements that went into effect a few years ago which require 1094 and 1095 forms to be reported. There were some errors with what TML reported, and TML is trying to fix those errors with the IRS. This Resolution will give TML Power of Attorney in connections with this action, which will allow their attorneys to speak directly with IRS on the 1094 and 1095 to correct the error. TML is covering all penalties or lawyer fees that may arise from this. This error by TML effected all the cities to which they provided this service.

On a motion by Councilman Bass and seconded by Councilman Green Resolution No. 2019-2605 was approved, with all present and voting "aye."

Councilman Brooks Bass asked if there would be any Attorney fees with this, Finance Director Stephanie Russell response, there would be no legal fees or penalties to the City, TML will cover that expense.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM.

Mayor, Troy Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Betty Wells
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