

City Council
August 21, 2019

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: David Hill, Mayor
Mary Lou Shipley, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Councilmember
Kevin Strength, Councilmember
Melissa Olson, Councilmember

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Tommy Ludwig, Assistant City Manager
Charles Harris, Director of Finance
Lori Cartwright, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Kevin Strength gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. First Public Hearing on the proposed Tax Rate for fiscal year 2019-2020

Mayor Hill opened the first Public Hearing on the proposed Tax Rate for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Director of Finance Charles Harris reviewed the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2019-2020 noting the proposed tax rate is 0.680000. He stated it is the same tax rate as last fiscal year. Mr. Harris reported the proposed effective tax rate is 0.629553 and the rollback tax rate is 0.717493. He explained within the 0.680000 is the city's debt rate to pay for outstanding bonds, a rate of 0.02781 that funds Sims Library, and the remainder being approximately 0.48 cents funds the various operations of the city.

Those who spoke against the Tax Rate for fiscal year 2019-2020:

Mr. Jimmy Vaughn, 615 Dunn Street, Waxahachie
Mr. Paul Christensen, 110 Williams Street, Waxahachie
Ms. Sylvia Coulson, 1315 Dixie Lane, Waxahachie
Mr. Brad Burns, 3208 Howard Road, Waxahachie
Ms. Stacy Bailey, 105 Sunburst Drive, Waxahachie

Those who spoke for the Tax Rate for fiscal year 2019-2020:

Mr. John Hamilton, 910 W. Marvin Avenue, Waxahachie

There being no others to speak for or against the first Public Hearing on the proposed Tax Rate for fiscal year 2019-2020, Mayor Hill closed the Public Hearing.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager

Councilmember Melissa Olson stated last year she asked to reduce the tax rate by one cent and City Council opposed. She stated this year she would like to see the tax rate lowered to \$0.65. Councilmember Olson stated City Council needs to represent the people and it will be a disservice to not lower the rate.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary