

**TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 2019**

The Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 372 Town Place, Fairview, Texas. Those present were Mayor Henry Lessner; Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Doi; Councilmembers Charlie Henkle, Cynthia Brugge, Tony Mattei, Ken Logsdon and Roland Feldman. Staff present included Town Manager, Julie Couch; Police Chief, Granver Tolliver; Town Engineer, James Chancellor; Planning Manager, Israel Roberts; Human Resources Director, Judy Webster; Interim EDC Manager, Dave Quinn; Fire Chief, Jeff Bell; CFO, Steven Ventura; Assistant to the Town Manager, Adam Wilbourn and Town Secretary, Tenitrus Bethel.

Mayor Lessner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

At 5:00 p.m., the Council then adjourned into executive session regarding a consult with legal counsel, property acquisition, personnel and economic development negotiations.

At 6:10 p.m., Mayor Lessner reconvened back into regular session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEM:**

Mayor Pro Tem Doi made motion to terminate the lease agreement dated September 11, 2007, between the Town and Ayses LLC for the lease of the soccer complex. Councilmember Feldman seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 PROPOERTYTAX RATE:**

Mr. Ventura gave a presentation on agenda item 1, conduct first public hearing regarding the fiscal year 2019-20 proposed tax rate.

Mr. Ventura stated the proposed budget is based upon the current tax rate of \$0.349709 per \$100 and while the property tax rate remains the same, property tax revenue increased due to growth and increased property values. He stated the current and proposed tax rate of \$0.349709, per \$100 property valuation, exceeds the effective tax rate of \$0.347156. He indicated that \$0.232733 of the \$0.349709 is for maintenance and operations (M&O) and \$0.116976 is for interest and sinking (I&S).

Mr. Ventura stated that due to the Town exceeding the effective rate state law requires Council to hold two public hearings for the proposed tax rate, of which this is the first hearing. He stated the appropriate legal notices were published in the Allen American and on the Town website.

Mr. Ventura stated the assessed valuation of the Town has increased to \$2.026 billion from last year's \$1.938 billion, which is an increase of approximately 4 percent. He stated the average home value in the Town increased by approximately 3.9 percent from \$520,479 last year to \$541,564.

Mr. Ventura stated the second public hearing for the proposed tax rate, as well as the public hearing for the proposed fiscal year budget, will be held on August 20 at 6:00 p.m. and on September 17 Council will hold a special meeting to adopt the proposed fiscal year 2019-20 budget and tax rate.

Councilmember Brugge inquired about the home value ranges to determine the average home cost of \$541,564 and what will transpire at the September 17 meeting. Mr. Ventura stated the hope is that the September 17 meeting would be when the proposed fiscal year 2019-20 budget and tax rate are adopted.

Mayor Lessner opened the public hearing.

Leland Payne, 398 Pak Village Av, expressed his thoughts related to the budget presentation.

Mayor Lessner closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Mattei inquired how much additional revenue would be collected if the tax rate remains the same. Mr. Ventura stated at the proposed rate of \$0.349709 the amount would be \$299,822.

Ms. Couch reviewed Council questions from the budget work session regarding costs related to the water main break, utility billing e-billing, personnel and discretionary vs non-discretionary expenses.

The Council and staff had an extended discussion related to this item.

Mayor Lessner announced the date of the second public hearing for the fiscal year 2019-20 proposed tax rate, as well as the public hearing for the proposed budget, as August 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Mayor Lessner adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

  
Henry Lessner, Mayor

  
Tenitrus Bethel, Town Secretary

