



**LIBERTY HILL CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARINGS & SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – AUGUST 19, 2019 – 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Liberty Hill was called to order by Mayor Rick Hall on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers located 2801 Ranch Road 1869 in Liberty Hill, Texas. Invocation was given by Tony DeYoung – Council member followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge. **Council Members Present:** Mayor Rick Hall, Liz Rundzieher, Tony DeYoung, Steve McIntosh, and Kathy Canady. Quorum was established. Gram Lankford was absent due to family illness.

PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2019-2020 BUDGET

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 PM stating: **The City of Liberty Hill, Texas will hold a Public Hearing on the following day, time, and place for the purpose of receiving written or oral comments concerning the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020:**

**Monday – August 19, 2019 - 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers - 2801 Ranch Road 1869
Liberty Hill, Texas 78642**

This budget will raise more total property taxes more than last year’s budget by \$295,918 which is an 8.09% increase from last year’s budget, and of that amount \$174,279 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and/or submit written comments. A copy of the proposed budget in its entirety is available for public inspection during normal business hours in the office of the City Secretary – 926 Loop 332- Liberty Hill, Texas, and on the City’s website at www.libertyhilltx.gov. Mayor Hall opened the floor for any public comments; there were none. The public hearing was closed at 6:32 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 PM stating:

**NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED
PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR
City of Liberty Hill**

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.490187 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.500000 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.459065 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.490187 per \$100

A tax rate of \$0.490187 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Liberty Hill. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate. The governing body of the City of Liberty Hill proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of increased maintenance and operational expenditures, equipment, facilities, staff compensation and benefit increases, and additional personnel to enhance city services. The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Liberty Hill from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax

year. The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the City of Liberty Hill may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (Rate) x (Taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, contact:

Larry Gaddes, PCAC, CTA
Williamson County Tax Assessor-Collector
904 S. Main Street
512-943-1601
proptax@wilco.org
www.wilco.org

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

1ST Public Hearing: 08/19/2019 - 6:30 PM - 2801 RR 1869
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

2nd Public Hearing: 08/26/2019 - 6:30 PM - 2801 RR 1869
Liberty Hill, TX 8642

Mayor Hall opened the floor for any public comments; there were none. The public hearing was closed at 6:35 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

Outcome: On motion by Tony DeYoung and second by Steve McIntosh, Council approved the minutes of the City Council meeting held Monday, August 12, 2019.

REGULAR SESSION

Discuss and Consider Action on adopting the Holiday Calendar as recognized and as acted on annually by the City Council of the City of Liberty Hill for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Outcome: Barbara Zwernemann – City Secretary explained the holiday calendar is based on the County’s calendar and requires approval from Council annually. On motion by Kathy Canady and second by Tony DeYoung, Council adopted the Holiday Calendar for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. **Motion passed on vote of 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, and 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Discussion regarding the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget effective October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020; providing for additional questions and answers by Council and staff. Outcome: Mayor Hall stated this item was open for discussion. Council will vote on the proposed budget September 9th.

Discussion regarding the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for FY 2019-2020; providing for clarification on calculating the tax rate; providing for additional questions and answers by Council & Staff. Outcome: Mayor Hall stated this item was open for discussion. Council will vote on the proposed budget September 9th.

CONVENE - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Hall convened City Council to Executive Session at 6:37 PM pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 – Consultation with Legal Counsel, Code §551.072 – Real Property

and Code Section §551.074 – Personnel Matters. City Council will entertain discussion related to the matter shown below. No action will be taken in Executive Session.

- Consultation and follow-up with Legal Counsel concerning MUD No. 13 concerning the City’s utility rate study. (Consultation with City Attorney - Texas Gov’t Code §551.071).
- Consultation with Legal Counsel concerning electric franchise agreement negotiations. (Legal Advice pursuant to Tex. Gov’t. Code §551.071).
- Consultation regarding real property owned by the City of Liberty Hill and possible acquisitions. (Real Property pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072).

RECONVENE - REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Hall reconvened City Council to Regular Session at 7:00 PM following Consultation with Legal Counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 – Consultation with Legal Counsel, Code §551.072 – Real Property and Code Section §551.074 – Personnel Matters. Council will entertain discussion related to the matters shown below.

- Follow-up with Legal Counsel concerning MUD No. 13 regarding the City’s utility rate study. (Consultation with City Attorney - Texas Government Code §551.071). Outcome: No action was taken.
- Consultation with Legal Counsel concerning electric franchise agreement negotiations. (Legal Advice pursuant to Tex. Gov’t. Code §551.071). Outcome: No action was taken.
- Consider real property owned by the City of Liberty Hill and possible acquisitions. (Real Property pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072). Outcome: No action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The second Budget Workshop will be held at 5 PM on Monday – August 26th and Regular Council meeting will be held Monday, August 26th at 6:30 PM.
- Council’s vote on approval of the FY 2019-2020 Budget and Tax Rate will be held September 9th. Super Majority Quorum is required.

ADJOURNMENT

Outcome: On motion by Liz Rundzieher and second by Tony DeYoung, Council was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

RICK HALL
Mayor

Attest:

BARBARA ZWERNEMANN
City Secretary