

# City Council

200 North Brazil

## Special Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, August 20, 2019

6:00 PM

City Hall

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### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mayor Polo Narvaez

### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Milum gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Public Hearing

#### First public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed tax rate for 2019.No Action

Opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Narvaez asked if the public if they had any questions or comments.

A member of the audience asked the Mayor if the tax rate would stay the tax rate would stay the same.

The Mayor answered yes it would stay the same as it has for the last thirteen years.

Mr. Milum stated it would be \$0.715 per \$100 valuation.

The audience member asked how much more money the city would be getting this year compared to last year.

Mayor Narvaez stated the increase would be \$147,844.20 which is the reason why the city is required to have the two public hearings.

Mayor Narvaez closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

made a motion to approve First public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed tax rate for 2019., seconded by the vote was .

#### Visitors Remarks-To speak you must sign in with City Secretary prior to the meeting and you have a limit of 3 minutes to speak.

There were no comments.

### Action Items

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 502 approving a negotiated resolution between the city and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" or "the company") regarding the company's April 30, 2019 cost of service adjustment ("COSA") filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the city's and TGS'**

**reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company's and the city's legal counsel.**Adopted

Mayor Narvaez reminded the council that they had already voted on the item last week and this would be the second reading. Mayor Narvaez asked if there were any questions of discussions.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 502 approving a negotiated resolution between the city and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" or "the company") regarding the company's April 30, 2019 cost of service adjustment ("COSA") filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the city's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company's and the city's legal counsel.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 502 approving a negotiated resolution between the city and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" or "the company") regarding the company's April 30, 2019 cost of service adjustment ("COSA") filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the city's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company's and the city's legal counsel., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of ordinance 505 of the city of Los Fresnos, Texas adopting a water conservation plan and drought contingency plan; establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses; establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions' establishing procedures for granting variances; providing severability; repealing ordinance 455 and providing for an effective date.**Adopted

Mayor Narvaez reminded the council that this was the second reading. They had already approved the first reading at the last meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of ordinance 505 of the city of Los Fresnos, Texas adopting a water conservation plan and drought contingency

plan: establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses; establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions' establishing procedures for granting variances; providing severability; repealing ordinance 455 and providing for an effective date.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of ordinance 505 of the city of Los Fresnos, Texas adopting a water conservation plan and drought contingency plan: establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses; establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions' establishing procedures for granting variances; providing severability; repealing ordinance 455 and providing for an effective date., seconded by Joe Collinsworth the vote was [Unanimous].

### **Budget Workshop**

#### **Budget Workshop**No Action

Mr. Milum asked the council to turn to the supplemental tab in their budget binder which had the employees and pay structure. Mr. Milum explained the two employee position recommendations he had. Council member Swain Real asked Mr. Milum if the positions would include a rate increase. Mr. Milum answered no and explained there would be no rate increase for the employees this year. Mr. Milum explained the job duties for each position and answered questions from the council.

Mr. Milum explained the department heads were present and would present their budget.

Mr. Milum asked the council to turn to page 5 and explained the items that would be discussed.

Mr. Milum began with the Administration Expenditures in the General Fund Budget.

Council member James Herrera asked why there was an increase in Administrative Salary if there were no rate increases. Mr. Milum explained it was due to the two proposed positions.

Mr. Milum continued to go down the line items under the Administration Department Expenditures and answered questions for the council.

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary, reviewed the Municipal Court Department expenditures. The council had no questions.

Pablo Garza, Finance Director, reviewed the Tax Assessor-Collector Department expenditures. The council had no questions.

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary, reviewed the Elections Department expenditures. Mayor Narvaez asked if the \$13,380 would be the city portion. Ms. Moya answered yes.

Mr. Milum reviewed the All Department Expenditures Department. The council had no questions.

Hector Gonzalez, Police Chief, reviewed the Police Department expenditures. Mr. Milum and Chief Gonzalez answered questions for the council.

Mr. Milum reviewed the Fire Department and EMS Department Expenditures. The council had no questions.

Mr. Milum reviewed the Engineering Department and answered questions for the council.

Carlos Salazar, Public Works Director introduced Raul Garcia, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Salazar reviewed the Streets Department Expenditures and answered questions for the council.

Mr. Milum reviewed the Garbage Department Expenditures. The council had no questions.

Chief Gonzalez reviewed the Environmental Department Expenditures and answered questions for the council.

Mr. Salazar reviewed the Parks Department Expenditures. Mr. Milum and Mr. Salazar answered questions for the council.

Mr. Milum explained to the council that Angie Lugo, the librarian, was out on vacation and he would present her budget. Mr. Milum reviewed the Library Department Expenditures. The council had no questions.

Mr. Mium explained the next department was the Community Center which also included the Senior Citizen program that would be discussed later. Ms. Moya reviewed the Community Center Department expenditures. The council had no questions.

Commander Charlie Banda reviewed the Emergency Management Department Expenditures. Commander Banda and Mr. Milum answered questions for the council.

Mr. Salazar reviewed the Stormwater Department Expenditures. The council had no questions.

Mr. Milum reviewed the City Promotion Department Expenditures. The council had no questions.

Dale House, IT Director, reviewed the Information Technology Department Expenditures and discussed plans for the new city hall. Mr. House answered questions for the council.

Chief Gonzalez reviewed the Mental Task Force Department and gave a brief summary on the program. Chief Gonzalez and Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Mr. Milum reviewed the Community Health Department and explained changes that were made due to a formula error. There were no question from the council.

Mr. Milum explained the plans in mind for the renovation of the old city hall. Mr. Milum explained the cost of the renovations and the cost. Mr. Milum answered questions for the council.

Mr. Garza explained the upgrade Tyler Technologies requested in the Capital Outlay portion of the budget. Mr. Garza, Mr. Milum and Mr. House answered questions for the council.

Mr. Milum reviewed the capital outlay funded and unfunded items for the Police Department. Mr. Milum and Chief Gonzalez answered questions for the council.

Mr. Milum reviewed the funded and unfunded items in the Parks Department. Mr. Milum answered questions for the council and discussed the Los Fresnos CDC possible participation in funding items in the Parks Department.

The department heads present and the council discussed the capital outlay items.

Mr. Garza explained the Debt Service Fund revenue and expenditures. Mr. Milum and Mr. Garza answered questions for the council.

Mr. Garza reviewed the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone revenue and expenditures. Mr. Milum and Mr. Garza answered questions for the council.

Ms. Moya reviewed the Senior Citizens budget. There were no questions from the council.

Mr. Milum explained that he would provide more information on the items discussed at the meeting.

made a motion to approve Budget Workshop, seconded by the vote was .

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was closed at 8:12 PM

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Presiding Officer of the Council

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Recorder