

City Council

200 North Brazil

Special Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Thursday, September 15, 2016

6:00 PM

City Hall

Call to Order

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Narvaez gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitor 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 a Proclamation for Firefighters Appreciation and Fire Prevention Week in the City of Los Fresnos. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Proclamation for Firefighters Appreciation and Fire Prevention Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation for Firefighters Appreciation and Fire Prevention Week in the City of Los Fresnos., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the Bank Depository Services for the City of Los Fresnos. Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that the bank depository services agreement is up for renewal. We advertised for proposals and received responses from Texas Regional Bank and First Community Bank. The services offered are very similar from both banks. First Community Bank is offering to pay a higher interest rate than Texas Regional Bank. First Community Bank offers free checking for our employees. First Community Bank has a branch in Los Fresnos and Texas Regional does not so we would have to travel to Brownsville or Harlingen for all our banking needs.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the bank depository services agreement to First Community Bank for 2 years with an option to renew for an additional 2 years.

Ms. Diana Salazar from First Community Bank was present and she thanked the Council for their approval.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Bank Depository Services for the City of Los Fresnos., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 475 adopting the budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated this is the second and final reading of the ordinance to adopt the budget for 2016-2017.

Mr. Milum stated that Allied Waste had visited with him today and stated they were going to increase rates by the 4% due to the CPI increase. We might have to go up on cart rates at a later date. He will see how the budget goes and if need be he will bring back to council.

Mr. Milum also stated that on inspections there were 960 inspections made and 82.4% passed on the first time and 17.5% failed and had to be reinspected.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 475 adopting the budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 475 adopting the budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017., seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 476 approving the tax roll for 2016 and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the municipal government; and directing the assessment and collection.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that this is the second and final reading of ordinance 476 approving the tax rate for 2016. The property tax rate will be \$0.715 per \$100 valuation like we have discussed which is the same rate we have had for the last 9 years. The Maintenance and Operations tax rate will be \$0.629058 and the debt tax rate will be \$0.085942.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 476 approving the tax roll for 2016 and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the municipal government; and directing the assessment and collection.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 476 approving the tax roll for 2016 and levying municipal ad valorem

taxes for the use, benefit and support of the municipal government; and directing the assessment and collection., seconded by Javier Mendez the vote was [Unanimous].

Discussion on Wastewater Treatment Plant.No Action

Mr. Milum explained that when we bid the upgrades and capacity increase for the wastewater plant, the low bid was \$4,128,000. The available funds were \$3,180,974 which is \$1,147,426 less than needed. We decided to see if we could cut the work down some to reduce the cost.

The wastewater plant is running at 50 - 55% capacity. We can change the focus and make use of the funds for sludge drying beds, grit removal unit, chlorinator and deoxygenator. This would cost around \$3,000,000.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Discussion on Wastewater Treatment Plant., seconded by the vote was .

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 6:38 PM

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder