

Minutes of Special Meeting

The City Council of the City of Pearsall

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Pearsall, Texas will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pearsall City Hall, 214 S. Ash Street, Pearsall, Texas.

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1. Call To Order

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum

Council Members Present: Mayor Ben Briscoe, Mayor Pro Tem Julian Hernandez, Council Member Sonia Hernandez, Council Member Brenda Trevino, Council Member Tiffany Talamantes, Council Member Lionel Gandara

Council Members Absent: Council Member James Leal, Council Member Davina Rodriguez

Staff Present: City Manager Federico Reyes, City Clerk Krystal Garcia, Finance Director Jackie Zuniga, Public Information Officer Bianca Ortiz, Chief of Police Humberto Torralba, HR Manager Raquel Yanez, Public Works Director Hector Gandara, City Attorney Bobby Maldonado, Fire Chief Placido Aguilar

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Lionel Gandara led the invocation. Pledge of Allegiance led by all present.

4. Mayor's Message

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe announced the focus of the meeting was to finalize the proposed budget.

5. Public Hearing

A. Open Public Hearing

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe opened up the public hearing at 7:03 p.m..

On a proposal to maintain the tax rate of \$.866624 per \$100 valuation on properties on the tax roll from the preceding year. This proposed rate does not exceed the No-New Revenue Tax Rate or Voter Approval Rate as calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code.

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe called for comments regarding the tax rate, three times. No comments were made.

B. Close Public Hearing

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

C. Open Public Hearing

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe opened up the public hearing for the City of Pearsall's Proposed Annual Appropriations Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, at 7:05 p.m..

City of Pearsall's Proposed Annual Appropriations Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe called for comments regarding the proposed budget. No comments were made.

D. Close Public Hearing

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

6. New Business

A. Discuss and Consider Proclaiming the month of October 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. - Action Item

City Manager Federico Reyes informed the council of the shirts ordered to help promote breast cancer awareness. He stated he would like staff and council to wear the shirts to city events during the month of October.

Opposition was not expressed by the council.

Councilwoman Sonia Hernandez motioned to approve proclaiming the month of October 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, second by Councilman Lionel Gandara. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

City Manager Federico Reyes read the proclamation.

B. Discuss and Consider Proclaiming October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. - Action Item

Opposition was not expressed by the council.

Councilman Lionel Gandara motioned to approve proclaiming the month of October 2021 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month, second by Councilwoman Sonia Hernandez . The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe read the proclamation.

C. Discuss and Consider Proclaiming the week of October 4, 2021 - October 8, 2021 as Homecoming Spirit Week. - Action Item

Opposition was not expressed by the Council.

Councilwoman Tiffany Talamantes motioned to approve proclaiming the week of October 4, 2021 - October 8, 2021 as Homecoming Spirit Week, Second by Councilwoman Sonia Hernandez. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Pro Tem Juilan Hernandez read the proclamation.

D. Discuss and Consider Ordinance No. 2021-09-03,an ordinance amending rules, place, times, and procedures for city council meetings. - Action Item

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe stated he was approached by a council member regarding changing the time of council meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m..

Opposition was not expressed by the Council.

Councilwoman Sonia Hernandez motioned to approve changing the time of council meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

E. Discuss and Consider Ordinance No. 2021-09-02 to Establish the Tax Rate and Levy for the City of Pearsall for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.

- Action Item

Opposition was not expressed by the council.

Councilwoman Sonia Hernandez motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2021-09-02 to Establish the Tax Rate and Levy for the City of Pearsall for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, second by Councilman Lionel Gandara. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Councilwoman Tiffany Talamantes motioned to reconsider to record a roll call vote, second by councilwoman Sonia Hernandez. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe is unable to cast a vote.

Council members in favor of the passage of Ordinance No. 2021-09-02: Sonia Hernandez, Lionel Gandara, Tiffany Talamantes, Julian Hernandez and Brenda Trevino

Council members absent: James Leal and Davina Rodriguez

F. Discuss and Consider Ordinance No. 2021-09-01 Adopting the City of Pearsall's Proposed Annual Appropriations Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. - Action Item

Opposition was not expressed by the council.

Mayor Pro Tem Julian Hernandez motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2021-09-01 Adopting the City of Pearsall's Proposed Annual Appropriations Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, second by Councilwoman Sonia Hernandez.

A rollcall vote was recorded as:

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe is unable to cast a vote.

Council members in favor of the passage of Ordinance No. 2021-09-01: Sonia Hernandez, Lionel Gandara, Tiffany Talamantes, Julian Hernandez and Brenda Trevino

Council members absent: James Leal and Davina Rodriguez

7. General Announcements

City Manager Federico Reyes announced the Annual TML Conference was coming up and would like to get the next agenda out by Tuesday due to staff attendance. He informed the council prizes would be given for the spirit decoration contest for participating businesses. He announced upcoming city events such as National Night Out and the Hispanic Heritage Festival. He informed the council of South Texas Rural offering vaccinations on Saturday of the Hispanic Heritage Festival and Frio Regional Hospital offering vaccines on Sunday of the event. He announced Homecoming Parade details.

8. Adjournment

Councilwoman Sonia Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m., second by Councilman Lionel Gandara. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Approved this November 9, 2021.



Ben T. Briscoe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Krystal Garcia, City Clerk