

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES
Friday September 4, 2020
Special City Council Meeting
105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF OVILLA conducted a meeting at 8:00 AM, Friday, September 4, 2020 in person as well as telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The public was permitted to offer public comments telephonically or in person as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

Mayor Dormier called the Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 8:00 am, with notice of the meeting duly posted.

The following City Council Members were present or on teleconference call:

Rachel Huber	Council Member, Place 1
David Griffin	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 3
Doug Hunt	Council Member, Place 4
Michael Myers	Council Member, Place 5

Mayor Dormier noted the participating Council Members, thus constituting a quorum. PL2 Dean Oberg was noted absent. City Secretary, department directors and various staff were also present and on the teleconference call.

CALL TO ORDER

PL5 Myers gave the invocation and PL4 Hunt led the reciting of the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Professional Services Agreement Fargo Consultants, INC.

PL1 Huber made the motion to approve the consent items as presented. Seconded by PL4 Hunt.

No opposition/abstentions.

VOTE: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0

Recorded Vote:

PL1 Huber AYE

PL2 Oberg ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Griffin AYE

PL4 Hunt AYE

PL5 Myers AYE

REGULAR AGENDA

- ITEM 1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION - A TAX RATE OF \$0.660000** per \$100 valuation proposed by the governing body of the City of Ovilla, with a Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.5200 and a debt rate of \$0.1400

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.6600 PER \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.6600 PER \$100
NO-NEW TAX RATE	\$0.6318 PER \$100
VOTER APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.6826 PER \$100

Mayor Dormier opened the Public Hearing at 8:10

City Accountant Sharon Jungman made the presentation.

Mayor Dormier ask to receive comments from the public on proposed tax rate. Dani Muckleroy expressed her disappointment in not attending the Budget meetings, she was unaware of the postings and did not receive the notifications. She has since re-established her electronic notifications through the city. She explained her disappointment in the tax evaluations through Ellis County. She expressed her concern for Police Department and Fire Departments not being top priority over streets.

There being no others wishing to speak, Mayor Dormier closed the Public Hearing at 8:14.

First Motion & Record Vote:**RECORD VOTE**

PL4 Hunt made the motion: I move that the Council hereby approve the 2020-2021 property tax rate be a total of \$0.6600 per \$100 valuation with a Maintenance and Operation rate of \$0.5200 and a Debt rate of \$0.1400. Seconded by PL5 Myers.

Recorded Vote:

PI1 Huber AYE

PL2 Oberg ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Griffin AYE

PL4 Hunt AYE

PL5 Myers AYE

No opposition/abstentions.

VOTE: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0

- ITEM 2. **DISCUSSION/ACTION** – Consideration of and action on Ordinance 2020-10 of the City of Ovilla, Texas levying, assessing and fixing the tax rate for the use an support of the municipal government of the City of Ovilla, Texas, and providing for the debt serviced fund for fiscal year 2020-2021 and apportioning each levy for the specific purpose, and providing for collection of all annual taxes provided by state law and providing an effective date.

Second Motion & Vote adopting Ordinance:**RECORD VOTE**

PL4 Hunt made the second motion: I further move that the Council hereby **approve** Ordinance 2020-10 levying, assessing and fixing the tax rate for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Ovilla, Texas, and providing for the Debt Service Fund for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and apportioning each levy for the specific purpose, and providing for collection of all annual taxes provided by state law; and providing an effective date. Seconded by PL1 Huber.

Recorded Vote:PL1 Huber **AYE**PL2 Oberg **ABSENT**Mayor Pro Tem Griffin **AYE**PL4 Hunt **AYE**PL5 Myers **AYE**

No opposition/abstentions.

VOTE: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of any item(s) pulled from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration and action.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

None


ADJOURNMENT

PL4 Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting of September 4, 2020 seconded by PL5 Myers. There being no further business, Mayor Dormier adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Recorded Vote:PL1 Huber **AYE**PL2 Oberg **ABSENT**Mayor Pro Tem Griffin **AYE**PL4 Hunt **AYE**PL5 Myers **AYE**

ATTEST:


 G Miller, City Secretary


 Richard Dormier, Mayor

Approved October 13, 2020

Richard Dormier, Mayor
 Rachel Huber, Place One
 Dean Oberg, Place Two

Doug Hunt, Place Four
 David Griffin, Place Three
 Michael Myers, Place Five

"I authorize the city to release ALL information on this sheet to the public. (If no signature is provided, the City shall not release information that is protected under the Texas Public Information Act.) Signature _____"