

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
7 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

**State of Texas
County of Wise
City of New Fairview**

The City Council convened into a Council Meeting. The same being open to the public, the 9th day of September 2019 in the New Fairview City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place and subject therefore having been posted as prescribed by Article 5 of the Texas Governmental Code, with the following members present:

CITY COUNCIL

**Mayor Joe Max Wilson
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Johnson
Councilman Rick White
Councilman Rebecca McPherson
Councilman Bill Payne
Councilman Charlie Stumm**

PRESENT

**City Secretary Monica Rodriguez
City Attorney Bradley**

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Council may convene into Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during the meeting for any posted agenda item and may receive advice from its attorney as permitted by law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:07PM

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call with the above-mentioned names present

3. CITIZEN COMMENT

The City Council invites persons with comments or observations related to any posted item on the agenda or any other city issues, projects, or policies to briefly address the City Council. Anyone wishing to speak should sign-in with the City Secretary before the beginning of the City Council meeting. In order to expedite the flow of business and to provide all citizens the opportunity to speak, there is a three-minute limitation on any person addressing the City Council. State law prohibits the City Council from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the posted agenda.

Connie Stewart- She has lived in the city for 23 years and nothing has been done. Why now?

Sheryl Young- Street light on Wilson Ct.

Clayton Ellis- purpose of new proposed tax

Cheryl Chang

Luis Trevino Jr.

*Jamee Ruhl
Clark Ray
Juan Sanchez
Jessie Dietrich-depends- upkeeping on properties and roads
Linda Byran
Alveda Upchurch
Ed Glinsuy
Roger Davis
Ayila Thacker
Tony Dickey
Janelle Prechter
Clint Pautsky
James King
Clements Walter
Vicki McNeill
Steve Misner*

4. TOWN HALL FORUM

A. Open forum discussion of the 2019-2020 budget and tax rate for the City of New Fairview.

Packets were passed out with a lot of information including tax information, sales tax, budget information from previous years and present. Mayor Wilson and council went thru the packet page by page. Residents expressed their opinions to the council. Residents were protesting the new property tax. The budget for 2019/2020 was proposed for \$1.065 million. The tax rate was proposed at 35 cents. Residents were questioning the 1st public hearing held because a lot of them said they were not notified. A lot of the residents did not know about the taxes and 1st public hearing. They were asking council for more discussion on this before the city passed a tax. They were asking the council to delay the vote. Many residents were concerned about the roads, losing the nice rural living and the salary paid to the city secretary and the website. The website is not updated, and they said it was hard and not very user friendly to find anything on there. There needs to be a way to better communicate with the public. The residents were questioning the budgeted amount to pay for a city administrator and the salary of the city secretary which was high for only the office to be open 2 days a week. Mayor Wilson said that the City Secretary is working 5 days a week but only open to the public 2 days and the other is to catch up on paperwork. The city has hired 2 new employees and will open the office back to 5 days a week.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW FAIRVIEW WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENT ON AND CONSIDER THE BUDGET FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR AND THE 2019-2020 TAX RATE. THE PROPOSED M&O RATE IS 0.3500 PER \$100 OF VALUE AND THE PROPOSED I&S TAX RATE IS 0.0000 PER \$100 OF VALUE FOR A TOTAL PROPOSED TAX RATE OF 0.3500 PER \$100 OF VALUE.

* Public Hearing opened up at 9:04 P.M.

* Public Hearing closed at 9:37 P.M.

Mayor Wilson explained to the residents why the council planned to implement property tax. No one on the council wants to pay taxes but the city needs a tax in order to improve roads, gets grants, bank loans and hire a city manager. The city needs to prepare for the future. There is a lot of development coming this way. Much of the city revenue decreased in sales revenue from the oil and gas. The city is preparing for growth and future development. The City Attorney has guided the council thru the process of getting a

tax in place. The residents are not in favor of a city tax. They are against an increase salary for city secretary and additional employees. They asked for better notification of meetings and to clarify more in detail why a tax is needed. Poor city management.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss, consider and act on Ordinance No. 2019-06-193 adopting the 2019-2020 budget for the City of New Fairview

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06-193

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW FAIRVIEW, TEXAS; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT AND ACCOUNT; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW FAIRVIEW, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 5.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and it is so ordained.
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE DAY OF September 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-06-193 as presented, adopting the 2019-2020 budget for the City of New Fairview with more money for roads. Councilman White seconded the motion. Vote by roll call for the record as follows

Councilman Charlie Stumm – Yes
Councilwoman Rebecca McPherson- Yes
Councilman Rick White- Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Johnson- Yes
Councilman Bill Payne - Yes

A. Discuss, consider and act on ratifying the increase in property tax revenue reflected in the budget.

The city council went from the proposed .35 cents to .30cents.

Councilman White made a motion that we ratify the increase in property tax revenue reflected in the budget. Motion seconded by Councilwomen McPherson. Motion made and seconded. All in favor, Motion passes.

Councilman Charlie Stumm – Yes
Councilwoman Rebecca McPherson- Yes
Councilman Rick White- Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Johnson- Yes
Councilman Bill Payne - Yes

B. Discuss, consider and act on Ordinance No. 2019-07-19 adopting the 2019-2020 tax rates for the City of New Fairview

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-7-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW FAIRVIEW, TEXAS, AFFIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEW FAIRVIEW, AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019, TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS OF THE CITY; DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR DUE DATES AND DELINQUENT DATES FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR PLACE OF PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE TAX ROLLS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 14.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 09 DAY OF September 2019.

City council discussed a tax exemption for 65 years and older and or with disabilities. The tax will go into effect October 1.

The council decided to amend the budget and later to decrease how much they were going to pay a city manager and put some more money for roads repair.

Councilman Stumm made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07-194 as presented and adopt a property tax rate of \$0.30 per \$100 of valuation. Motion seconded by Councilman Payne. Vote by roll call for the record as follows

Councilman Charlie Stumm – Yes

Councilwoman Rebecca McPherson- Yes

Councilman Rick White- Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Johnson- Yes

Councilman Bill Payne - Yes

7. EXECUTVE SESSION

*Council went into Executive Session at 9:37 P.M.

*Back from session at 10:12 P.M.

- A. Pursuant to authorization by title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 closed session consultation between city council and city attorney to seek legal advice from the city attorney regarding legal issues related to any item on the agenda.**

8. OPEN SESSION

- A. Discuss, consider and act on necessary items discussed in Executive Session.**

No discussion

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 10:49 P.M. Motion seconded by Councilman Stumm. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe Max Wilson

Councilman Rick White

Councilman Scott Johnson

Councilman Rebecca McPherson

Councilman Bill Payne

Councilman Charley Stumm

ATTEST:

City Secretary Monica Rodriguez

Date