

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
August 12, 2016
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE
WORK SESSION - 8:30 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Frank Fernandez, Brian Johnson , Kelly Turner, Liz Carrington, Charles Overstreet, Michael Walker

Absent: None

Staff Present: Bob Hart, Krystal Crump, Leslie Galloway, Kelly Cooper, Rachael Roberts, Amanda King, Mike McMurray, Larry Hoover, Ron Taylor, Dennis Brown, Tommy Williams, Darrel Hull, Melinda Davis, Sarah Quiett, and Debby Scott

III. WORK SESSION

A. Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Proposed Budget Workshop

City Manager Bob Hart and department heads presented the FY2016-2017 proposed budget to City Council. Highlights included development challenges; property taxes and exemptions; utility rates; land use values; street funding; residential engagement; entry points; the park system; a well-planned community; staffing; healthcare; regional collaboration, and a communication plan.

Mayor Johnson recessed the budget workshop for a lunch break at 11:30 a.m. Mayor Johnson resumed the budget workshop at 12:00 p.m.

B. Review Effective & Rollback Tax Rate Summary

Bob Hart stated that the current effective rate is 76.75; the recommendation is to hold at the current rate or the effective tax rate, whichever is lower. Council discussed possible exemptions beyond the current over 65, \$50,000 exemption and agreed to look at that in the future; concluding that it was not something that could happen this budget year.

IV. REGULAR SESSION

A. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 490 of the City Council of the City of Kennedale, Texas, approving the placement of a proposal on the September 19, 2016 City Council Public Meeting agenda to adopt a 2016 tax rate that will be lower than the rollback rate; calling public hearings on September 8, 2016 and September 15, 2016 (if necessary)

Mayor Johnson read aloud the purposed Resolution.

The City Council desires to consider adoption of a 2016 tax rate not to exceed \$0.8220 per \$100 valuation, which will exceed the lower of the rollback rate or the effective tax rate.

The City Council hereby approves the placement of an item on the September 19, 2016 City Council public meeting agenda, such meeting being a regular Council meeting, to vote on a proposed tax rate of \$0.7675 per \$100 valuation that will not exceed the lower of the rollback rate or the effective tax rate.

The City Council hereby calls public hearings on the proposed tax rate to be held in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 405 Municipal Drive, Kennedale, Texas 76060 on September 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., and September 15, 2016 (if necessary), at 6:00 p.m., such dates being weekdays which are not public holidays. The first public hearing will not be held until at least seven (7) days after notice of both public hearings have been published in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, a newspaper having general circulation within the City. The City Secretary is hereby directed to publish such notice in accordance with this Resolution and Texas Tax Code §26.06. At both public hearings, the City Council will afford adequate opportunity for both proponents and opponents of the proposed tax rate to present their views.

Motion To approve Resolution 490 with a 2016 tax rate of \$0.7675 per \$100. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Liz Carrington, **Seconded By** Michael Walker.
Motion passed Unanimously

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To adjourn. **Action** Adjourn, **Moved By** Kelly Turner, **Seconded By** Liz Carrington.
Motion passed Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Brian Johnson, Mayor

Leslie Galloway, City Secretary