

**KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING | September 7, 2017**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE**  
**SPECIAL SESSION - 5:30 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brian Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Brian Johnson; Mayor Pro Tem Jan Joplin, Place 5; Rockie Gilley, Place 1; and Sandra Lee, Place 3; **Absent:** Liz Carrington, Place 2; and Kelly Turner, Place 4

*Staff: City Manager George Campbell, City Secretary and Communications Coordinator Leslie Galloway, Director of Finance Brady Olsen, HR Director Kelly Cooper, Community Development Director Rachel Roberts, Police Chief Tommy Williams, Fire Lieutenant Brian King, Public Works Director Larry Ledbetter, Public Works Superintendent Larry Hoover, Library Director Amanda King, and Deputy Court Administrator and Juvenile Case Manager Melinda Davis*

**III. REGULAR SESSION**

**A. Public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Budget**

*This item was taken out of order; moved after III.B. Public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Tax Rate*

**1. Staff Presentation**

Director of Finance Brady Olsen offered an overview of the major assumptions and highlights of the City Manager's FY17-18 Proposed Budget, including:

- All Funds/General Fund
  - Two-cent property tax increase
  - 2% raise to all employees and 20% increase in health insurance costs
  - Changing administrative charges to a cost basis
  - Elimination of most cash-funded capital; \$4 million Certificate of Obligation
- Water and Sewer Fund
  - Reducing base sewer charge from \$45.00 to \$36.00; Less aggressive water tiers
  - Increasing Stormwater Fee from \$3.50 to \$4.00
  - Lowering franchise fee to Street Fund from 9% to 5%
- One-time Transfers
  - Using remaining EDC bond capital funds to pay debt service for EDC
  - Using Park Dedication revenues to cover portion of parks maintenance costs
- EDC & TIF: Greatly reducing or limiting expenditures
- Capital Replacement: Using funds from 2016 note to purchase ambulance
- Additional Cuts to Consider (*full cuts would allow city to maintain existing fund balance*)
  - Delaying replacement of ambulance (\$115,000)
  - Delaying strategic planning (\$25,000)
  - Delaying virtual server replacement (\$27,000)
  - Other Assorted Cuts (\$45,151)

## 2. Public Hearing

- **Lana Sather, 421 Corry A. Edwards Dr.**, spoke on behalf of FOLK (Friends of the Library - Kennedale) in favor of a budget that supports the Library.
- **Allen Ray, 1025 Winding Creek**, spoke against the proposed budget, specifically any money spent on new development.
- **Delbert Raines, 4430 Kennedale New Hope**, spoke against the proposed budget.
- **Zola Falmer, 214 Arthur Dr.**, spoke in favor of a budget that supports the Senior Center.
- **Phyllis Roberts, 604 Mansfield Cardinal Rd.**, spoke in favor of a budget that supports the Library and the Senior Center.
- **Chris Pugh, 715 Timberline Dr.**, spoke in favor of the proposed budget and urged Council to focus on a vision for Kennedale and long-term goals.
- **Dora Ann Markle, 617 Averett Rd.**, spoke in favor of a budget that would support the Senior Center.
- **Linda Neal, 3715 New Hope Road**, spoke in favor of a budget that would support the Senior Center, noting that some members don't have the necessities at home.
- **Laurie Sanders, 208 W 5<sup>th</sup> St.**, spoke on behalf of KKB, in favor of a budget that would support KKB. She provided Council with a printed summary of KKB's accomplishments.
- Sandra Childers, 121 Mansfield Ave.; and Alice Boyd, 321 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. registered written opinions against the proposed budget. Donald Herbster, 1154 Falcon Ridge Dr.; Terry Twomey, 1042 Falcon Nest; and Linda Twomey, 1042 Falcon Nest registered written opinions in support of the proposed budget.

## 3. Staff Response and Summary

Director of Finance Brady Olsen briefly discussed the recent evaluation of the Water Fund by a third-party consultant and explained the use of the term "sundry" in budget line items to encompass products and services purchased from other entities, contractors, or companies.

## 4. Council Action

**Motion To** postpone consideration of adoption of the FY17-18 Budget until the Monday, September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting. **Action** Postpone, **Moved By** Sandra Lee, Seconded By Mayor Pro Tem Jan Joplin. **Motion passed Unanimously.**

## B. Public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Tax Rate

*This item was taken out of order; moved before III.A. Public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Budget*

### 1. Staff Presentation

Director of Finance Brady Olsen offered an overview of the Proposed FY17-18 Tax Rate:

- Current Tax Rate: \$.767500/\$100
- Proposed Tax Rate: \$.787500/\$100
- Maximum Rate Council Can Adopt: \$.802718/\$100
- Rollback Tax Rate: \$.802719/\$100
- Effective Tax Rate: \$.726967/\$100

### 2. Public Hearing

- **Ann Fontenot, 1043 Foxwood Drive**, spoke in favor of the tax rate increase, stating that we need to focus on moving forward and that if we don't incrementally increase the

tax rate, we're making the same mistake as with the water rate.

- **Shanti Bryan, 5721 Ensign Dr.**, spoke in favor of a budget and tax rate that supports the Senior Center.
- **Roy Cooper, 400 E. Kennedale-Sublett Rd.**, spoke in favor of a budget and tax rate that supports the Senior Center and the Library.
- **Andrew Schaeffer, 3409 Woodside Dr., Arlington**, stated that he is in the process of moving to Kennedale, and spoke in favor of the tax rate increase and the bond issuance, stating that tying into Arlington water could save residents even more.
- **Chris Pugh, 715 Timberline**, spoke in favor of the proposed tax rate increase.
- Linda Twomey, 1042 Falcon Nest; Terry Twomey, 1042 Falcon Nest; Donna Herbster, 1154 Falcon Ridge Dr.; and Donald Herbster, 1154 Falcon Ridge Dr. registered written opinions in favor of the proposed two-cent tax rate increase. Spring Nadeau, 125 Mansfield Ave.; Alice Boyd, 321 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St.; and Sandra Childers, 121 Mansfield Ave. registered written opinions against the proposed two-cent tax rate increase.

### 3. Staff Response and Summary

There was no additional discussion at this time.

### 4. Announcement of Date of Vote on Tax Rate

Mayor Brian Johnson announced that the vote on the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 tax rate would be held Monday, September 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in these Council Chambers, in City Hall, located at 405 Municipal Drive, in Kennedale, TX, 76060.

## IV. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion To adjourn. Action Adjourn, Moved By Mayor Pro Tem Jan Joplin, Seconded By Sandra Lee. Motion passed Unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
BRIAN JOHNSON, MAYOR

  
LESLIE GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY

