

**CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019
8:30 A.M. - 955 PINEY POINT ROAD**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian T. Muecke called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

Present: Mayor Brian T. Muecke

Councilmember Harry J. Folloder
Councilmember Dane Johnson
Councilmember Susan Mathews
Councilmember Shirley Rouse
Councilmember Matt Woodruff

Kelly Johnson, City Admin./Secr.-Treasurer
Lisa Modisette, Assistant City Secretary

Absent: None

2. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive and consider public input and comments regarding the adoption of the proposed 2020 Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2020, ending December 31, 2020.
- B. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive and consider public input and comments regarding the tax rate of \$0.323478/\$100 valuation that has been proposed.

Mayor Muecke opened the public hearing at 8:44 a.m.

Harry Craig, 839 Merridel, stated his house took in a little water during the recent rain event, Tropical Storm Imelda. He stated the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) ditch behind his house is still a concern. He asked if HCFCD could maintain the ditch better and more often. He asked if the City could look at the drainage box and pipes at Merridel Road to check for restrictions or blockages. He asked if the Proposed 2020 Budget includes funds for drainage in 2020. He also asked for an explanation for the \$146,000 increase in the operating budget for FY2020.

Kelly Johnson, City Administrator/City Secretary-Treasurer, stated the increase is due to the Police Department's purchase of the license plate readers, an increase in the Professional Services and Legal budget line items, and an increase in the operational expense for the Village Fire Department.

Mayor Muecke explained there will be an additional \$53,000 in the Proposed 2020 Budget for street infrastructure for a total of \$203,000.

Councilmember Woodruff asked if the City maintains Soldiers Creek or if Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) only maintains Soldiers Creek.

Mayor Muecke stated the HCFCD does maintain Soldiers Creek approximately twice a year. The City does maintain Soldier Creek more often.

Mayor Muecke closed the public hearing at 9:07 a.m.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FY2020 BUDGET

Councilmember Folloder asked if the health insurance increase was still an estimate.

Kelly Johnson stated the health insurance increase is still an estimate.

Mayor Muecke stated the proposed salary increase for the employees would be offset by the increase to the employees for the health insurance costs.

Councilmember Mathews asked about the recycling.

Kelly Johnson stated the City will have Kevin Atkinson from Texas Pride at an upcoming Council meeting to discuss recycling. Council could decide at that time if the City will possibly continue with the service.

Councilmember Rouse asked if any of the budgeted funds for Professional Service would be used for drainage studies.

Mayor Muecke stated the City has approximately \$496,000 on the balance sheet allocated to drainage, of which some of the funds could be used for design.

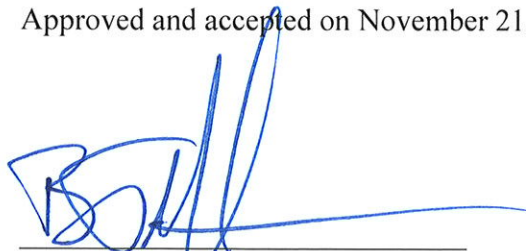
4. ADJOURN

Councilmember Folloder moved, Councilmember Johnson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Councilmembers Folloder, Johnson, Mathews, Rouse, and Woodruff voted "Aye", "Noes" none.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approved and accepted on November 21, 2019.



Brian T. Muecke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Modisette, Asst. City Secretary