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Special Called City Council Meeting August 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Minutes

1. Call to Order by Mayor Owens at 6:00 pm

Councilmembers present: Connally Bass-Mayor Pro-Tem, Graham McGruer, Cecil Griffin, Richard Prater, & Ricky Wiggins

Employees present: Kent Administrator-City Administrator, Danielle McGruer-Court Clerk, and Sergeant Martinez.

2. Citizen Presentations

The City Council welcomes public comments at this point on items <u>not</u> specifically listed on the agenda. Speakers must sign up before the meeting begins. Speakers are limited to five (5) minutes each. The Council cannot respond to matters not listed on the agenda until a future meeting.

None

3. Ordering Special Election - Economic Development Corporation Type B

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action on ordinance 8-17-2023-3 ordering a special election to take place on November 7th, 2023 for the purpose of submitting a proposition to the electors to adopt a local sales and use tax in the city of Bruceville-Eddy at the rate of one quarter of one percent (1/4 cent) to undertake any economic development to promote new or expanded business enterprises and any other projects authorized under the law applicable to a Type B Corporation created under section 505.003, Texas Local Government Code, as amended. Motion made by Ricky Wiggins to approve Ordinance #8-17-2023-3, 2nd by Richard Prater yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.

4. Ordering Special Election – Street Maintenance Sales and Use Tax

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action on ordinance 8-17-2023-4 ordering a special election to take place on November 7th, 2023 for the purpose of submitting a proposition to the electors to adopt a local sales and use tax in the city of Bruceville-Eddy at the rate of one quarter of one percent (1/4 cent) to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

Motion made by Graham McGruer, I move we approve Ordinance #8-17-2023-4, street maintenance sales and uses tax, 2nd by Connally Bass, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.

Special called meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm, Public Hearing in session at 6:18 pm.

5. Public Hearing - Budget

Council to hear public comments on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 general, economic development corporation, water, and sewer funds.



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6. Close Public Hearing – Budget Public Hearing adjourned and Special Called Meeting healt in

Public Hearing adjourned and Special Called Meeting back in session at 6:18 pm

7. Adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to adopt ordinance 8-17-2023-1 adopting the budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 general, economic development corporation, water, and sewer funds.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$66,900, which is a 16.35 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$14,409.

Motion made by Ricky Wiggins to approve ordinance #8-17-2023-1, 2nd by Richard Prater, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.

Special called meeting adjourned and a Public Hearing is in session at 6:24 pm.

8. Public Hearing – Tax Rate

Council to hear public comments on the proposed 2023 tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

9. Close Public Hearing – Tax Rate

Public Hearing adjourned and Special Called Meeting back in session at 6:25 pm

10. Adoption of the Proposed Tax Rate for 2023

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to adopt ordinance 8-17-2023-2 levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2023 (FY 2023-2024) at a rate of \$0.460000 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Bruceville-Eddy as of January 1, 2023. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Bruceville-Eddy by 12.88%.

Motion made by Connally Bass, I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.46 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation, which is effectively a 12.88 percent increase in the tax rate for fiscal year 2023/2024, 2nd by Graham McGruer, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.

11. Ratification of Property Tax Revenue Increase

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action on ratifying the property tax revenue increase reflected in the annual budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024; beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Motion made by Connally Bass, I move that we ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the annual budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024; beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. 2nd by Cecil Griffin, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.



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12. Fence Repairs and Upgrades - Hudson Lane Public Works Facility

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to approve a quote by Cen-Tex Fence for repairs and upgrades to the Public Works Maintenance Facility located at 410 Hudson Lane Eddy, Texas 76524 in an amount not to exceed \$3,600.00 using monies in the FY 2023-2024 budget, work to be authorized and executed after October 1st, 2023.

Motion made by Connally Bass, I move we approve a quote from Cen-Tex Fence for repairs and upgrades to the Public Works Maintenance Facility located at 410 Hudson Lane Eddy, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$3,600.00, 2nd by Richard Prater, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.

Per Ricky Wiggins to clarify also that it is using monies from the 2023-2024 budget, and the work is not to be authorized and executed until after October 1, 2023.

13. Adjournment

Motion made by Graham McGruer to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm, 2nd by Cecil Griffith yeas 5, nay 4, motion passes.

Linda Owens, Mayor

Date

Pam Combs. City Secretary

Date



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Sign in Sheet Regular Council Meeting August 17, 2023, 6:00 pm

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