

## **MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING: September 03, 2024**

Mayor Pratka called the public hearing to order at 5:30.

THE WEST CITY COUNCIL MET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, AT 5:30 PM FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.630000 PER \$100 VALUATION, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 11.46 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 62.98 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$61.04.

Mayor Pratka asked if any citizens wanted to speak. Angaline Urban asked, why are we raising taxes? Mayor Pratka said the rates need to increase to cover our expenses including the new sewer plant.

Public hearing adjourned at 5:36 pm.

## **MINUTES OF WORKSHOP: September 03, 2024**

Mayor Pratka called the workshop to order at 5:37 pm.

Natalie Kelinske, Chris Nors, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, and Matt Miller were present.

Agenda Item #8, Natalie Kelinske asked what the amount requested from the West Rodeo Association was. The amount requested is \$30,000.

Workshop adjourned at 5:39 pm.

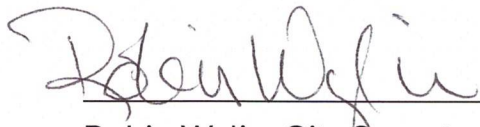
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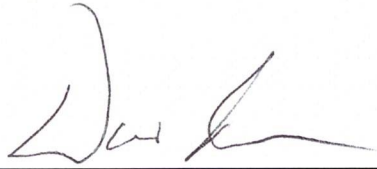
1. Call to Order: Mayor David Pratka called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Mayor Pratka gave the pledge and invocation.

3. Roll Call: Council members present – Mayor Pratka, Natalie Kelinske, Chris Nors, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, and Matt Miller were present.
4. Citizens Comments – There were no citizens comments.
5. No action was taken on the sales tax allocation / EDC report. The Mayor reviewed August’s monthly sales tax allocation, our sales tax revenue for the month is \$91,901.29, reflecting a \$10,000 increase from last year. Additionally, the Mayor reported our Economic Development Commission (EDC) currently holds a balance of \$256,836.15. Matt Miller requested that Shawn Holden Report on the recent TCEQ water quality inspection. Shawn reported that TCEQ inspections are once every three years and last month our water quality was inspected. He stated that the inspection passed and thanked John Holecek, Phillip Webre, and Evan Kudelka for the work they put in making sure everything was where it needed to be in order to pass inspection. On a motion by Matt Miller, Seconded by Cody Harris; Approval of Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.
6. On a motion by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Chris Nors; approval of the 2024/ 2025 Budget. All in favor, motion carried.
7. On a motion by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Matt Miller; approval of 62.98 percent property tax rate increase for 2024/ 2025 budget year. All in favor, motion carried.
8. John Hurdick with the EDC received requests from Westfest for \$40,000 for construction of a pavilion, and the West Rodeo Association for \$30,000 to upgrade rodeo facilities. On a motion by Matt Miller, seconded by Cody Harris; approval of funds for Westfest, and West Rodeo Association. All in favor, motion carried.
9. On a motion by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Matt Miller; approval of certifying unopposed candidate, Brian Muska for November 05, 2024 one-year special term election, and ordering cancellation of the special term election. All in favor, motion carried.
10. On a motion by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Cody Harris; votes for TML board of trustees: Place 11 Randy Criswell, Place 12 Allison Heyward,

Place 13 Harlan Jefferson, Place 14 Mike Land. All in favor, motion carried.

11. On a motion by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Chris Nors; Nominations for McLennan Central Appraisal District, giving all 16 votes to John Kinnaird. All in favor, motion carried.
12. Council members comments and requests for items to be place on future agenda: Mayor Pratka asked that a change in language for the special events permit, Wolfs Bar street closure and special event, and the QIPP program meeting with Denver Sheddy be placed on the next agenda.
13. Council meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

  
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Robin Wylie, City Secretary

  
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David Pratka, Mayor