

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting of the Oak Point City Council



Oak Point City Hall
100 Naylor Road
Oak Point, Texas 75068

Monday, August 5, 2019
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following roll call:

Keith Palmer	Mayor	Present
John Lusk	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Tim Freeman	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Don Lindemann	Council Member	Present
Dena Meek	Council Member	Present
Kyle Thompson	Council Member	Present

City staff present:

Stephen Ashley	City Manager
Donna Boner	Finance Manager
Brian Howard	DPS Sergeant

And with a quorum present the following items were addressed:

2. Invocation

Councilmember Meek led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Pledge

Mayor Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag.

4. Workshop related to the proposed City budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

{Mayor Palmer recessed the meeting at 6:05 pm due to technical difficulties and reconvened the meeting at 6:09.}

City Manager Ashley gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the budget, revenue projections, expenditures by fund, and CIP transfers. He also discussed some of the changes in the numbers based on what Council had asked of Staff at the last meeting. City Manager Ashley presented budget numbers with a property tax rate of \$0.51 to compare with previous numbers based on a rate of \$0.52. Council and Staff reviewed and discussed budget numbers. Councilmember Lindemann expressed his concerns about reducing the tax rate from \$.052 to \$0.51. Councilmember Meek asked City Manager Ashley if it would create a hardship for the City or the Staff if Council adopted the effective tax rate of \$0.495536. City Manager Ashley gave numerous reasons why cutting the budget to the effective tax rate would be a concern to him. Councilmember Meek stated she respected City Manager's reasons and was comfortable with a \$0.01 decrease. Mayor Pro Tem Lusk understands both Councilmember Lindemann and Councilmember Meek's positions on the tax rate; he supports dropping the rate to \$0.51. Mayor Palmer commented how pleased he is that the City recently added a brand-new fire truck for over \$500,000, added additional employees, and was still able to drop the tax rate a penny.

5. Consider and act upon a proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and placement of a proposal to adopt the proposed tax rate on the agenda of a future meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Lusk made a motion that the City Council vote to place a proposal to adopt a \$0.51 tax rate, which is higher than the effective tax rate of \$0.495536 on a future meeting agenda; seconded by Councilmember Meek.

AYES: Lusk, Meek, Freeman, Thompson

NOES: Lindemann

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Passed 4-1

6. Consider and act upon approving a resolution calling for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Freeman made a motion to approve a resolution calling for two public hearings for the proposed 2019 tax rate; the first public hearing to be held on August 26, 2019 at 6 p.m. and the second public hearing to be held on August 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The tax rate adoption will be held on September 16, 2019 at the regular City Council Meeting. All meetings will be held at 100 Naylor Road in Oak Point, Texas; motion seconded by Councilmember Meek.

Motion Passed 5-0

7. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Lusk made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

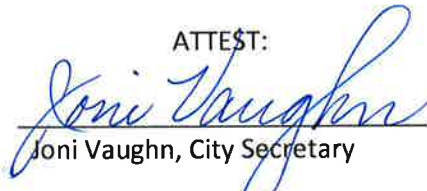
Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.



Keith Palmer, Mayor



ATTEST:


Joni Vaughn, City Secretary