

**CITY OF SAGINAW
MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
HELD AT THE SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 WEST MCLEROY BLVD.
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

Present at the meeting:

Mayor	Todd Flippo
Mayor Pro-Tem	Valerie Tankersley
Councilmember	Charles Beasley
Councilmember	Patrick Farr
Councilmember	Charles Tucker
Councilmember	Cindy Bighorse
Councilmember	Mary Copeland
City Manager	Gabe Reaume
Asst. City Manager	Dolph Johnson
Finance Director	Kim Quin
City Secretary	Janice England
Police Chief	Lee Howell
Fire Chief	Doug Spears
Director of Public Works	Rick Trice, P.E.
Director of Human Resources	Melanie McManus
Chief Building Official	Larry Little

Absent from the meeting:

City Attorney	Bryn Meredith
City Engineer	Andrew Simonsen, P.E.
Director of Recreation	Keith Rinehart
Director of Economic Dev.	Alora Wachholz
Library Director	Ellen Ritchie

Visitors at the meeting:

Doe Dec	Kathryn Johnson
Miranda Tindle	Vance Tindle
Mary Ragle	Larry Thompson
Amelia Sharp	Patsy O'Neal
Don Lomax	Daniel J. Bennett
Shawn Morrison	Teniquia Lott
Jennifer Little	Christie Noone
Greg Noone	Joan Gillen
Sherry Hilburn	Karen Fruhorth
Dan Karpenko	Deborah Norris
Stan Saden	Jessica Keefer
Chelsi Snode	Mr. Anderson

(1) Call to Order

Mayor Flippo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

(2) **Public Hearing** – Proposed 2019 Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing opened at 6:01 p.m. He explained that tonight's public hearing is the second of two required public hearings for the proposed 2019 property tax rate. City Manager Reaume gave a brief power point presentation regarding the proposed tax rate. Mayor Flippo pointed out that there is some misinformation on social media regarding the proposed tax rate. He explained that the proposed tax rate (45.9 cents) is actually lower than the current tax rate (47.18 cents). However, he stated that if property values increase then the amount of property taxes will increase. He explained that property values are controlled by the Tarrant Appraisal District. He added that the property tax on a single family home with an average value of \$178,105 will see an annual increase of \$52.73 (or \$4.39 per month). Mayor Flippo pointed out the city services provided to residents in Saginaw. He added that the proposed budget includes the addition of two positions to be added January 1, 2010 (one Patrol Officer and one Firefighter) and an Emergency Management Coordinator to be added April 1, 2020 (cost to be split with City of Lake Worth).

Councilmember Copeland proposed that the tax rate be set at 46.9 cents instead of the proposed 45.9 cents. She explained her reasons for this proposal. She also stated that she is opposed to increases in Animal Services fees as well as increases in the Recreation and Community Services fees. She added that increases in these fees would have a detrimental effect on the adoption rate of animals and use of facilities such as the pool and recreation center.

Councilmember Farr explained the public safety needs that were presented by staff during the budget process. He stated that the staff and Council worked together and debated throughout the process to determine what would be best for the residents of Saginaw. He expressed his appreciation to the staff and Council for their efforts.

Mayor Flippo called for any public comments.

Ms. Kathryn Johnson addressed the Council. She expressed her concern about increases in property values and the resulting increase in her property taxes.

Mr. Anderson expressed his concern regarding property values and the proposed tax rate.

Ms. Deborah Norris expressed her concern regarding the proposed tax rate.

Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing closed at 6:39 p.m. He announced that the adoption of the proposed property tax rate increase will be considered at the City Council Meeting on September 17, 2019. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 333 West McLeroy Boulevard, and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

(3) Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilmember Farr with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Tankersley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Tankersley,
Councilmembers Beasley, Farr, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor Flippo declared the Public Hearing of September 10, 2019 adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Secretary Janice England

Mayor Todd Flippo