

REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023
CITY HALL, 105 BALLARD DRIVE

MAYOR JEFF DAUGHERTY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

BOB TARDIFF, YVETTE MARTIN, BRYAN SUMMERVILLE, AND SALLIE BLACK.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: GAVIN RASCO

SALLIE BLACK SAID THE INVOCATION AND MAYOR JEFF DAUGHERTY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

F-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SMITH COUNTY 9-1-1 2023-2024 BUDGET. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED BILL MORALES, DISTRICT DIRECTOR, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING. SHE RECOMMENDS THAT THE BUDGET BE APPROVED. BRYAN SUMMERVILLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SMITH COUNTY 9-1-1 2023-2024 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY YVETTE MARTIN. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER PER CITY CHARTER. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED PER OUR CITY CHARTER, THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO DECLARE ANNUALLY AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE CITY. SHE RECOMMENDS LINDALE NEWS AND TIMES. YVETTE MARTIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE LINDALE NEWS AND TIMES AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER. SECONDED BY BOB TARDIFF. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CITY OF LINDALE TAX ABATEMENT POLICY AND PRINCIPLES. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED WE APPROVE EVERY 2 YEARS THE CITY OF LINDALE ABATEMENT POLICY FOR ANY ABATEMENTS MADE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. SALLIE BLACK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CITY ABATEMENT POLICY AND PRINCIPLES FOR A 2-YEAR PERIOD. SECONDED BY BRYAN SUMMERVILLE. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RAISE THE PURCHASE PRICE OF LINDALE CEMETERY PLOTS. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED IN 2016 THE CITY RAISED THE CEMETERY PLOTS FROM \$600 TO \$800. THIS HAS REMAINED AT THIS RATE FOR THE LAST 7 YEARS. THE CITY IS CURRENTLY DOING AN AUDIT WITH THE FUNERAL HOME. SHE RECOMMENDS TO TABLE UNTIL THE AUDIT IS COMPLETE.

F-5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC. NOTIFICATION OF 5.7% INCREASE IN SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PER THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI WATER/SEWER/TRASH) AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING GARBAGE RATES. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED PER OUR GARBAGE CONTRACT THEIR INCREASE IS BASED ON THE CONSUMER INDEX FOR WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE. BOB TARDIFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE **ORDINANCE 06-2023** AMENDING THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES BY 5.7 % EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023. SECONDED BY SALLIE BLACK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-6 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER AND SEWER RATE ORDINANCE (13-2022) RATE FOR 5.7% INCREASE PER (CPI WATER/SEWER/TRASH). CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED THE WATER AND SEWER RATES WERE DISCUSSED DURING BUDGET WORKSHOP. THE WATER AND SEWER RATES ARE TO FOLLOW THE GARBAGE RATE INCREASE. SHE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. YVETTE MARTIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE **ORDINANCE 07-2023** ADJUSTING THE WATER/SEWER RATE BY 5.7% SAME AS THE TRASH. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023. SECONDED BY SALLIE BLACK. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-7 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE A CALLED MEETING FOR BUDGET AND TAX RATE. NO ACTION.

F-8 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE 8,813.02 TO ONCOR FOR MOVING A POLE FOR THE SIDEWALK PROJECT. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED DUE TO SIGNING THE EASEMENT AGREEMENT THE CITY IS OBLIGED TO MOVE THE POLE. BOB TARDIFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$8,813.02 TO MOVE A POLE ON PERRYMAN AND SUMMIT FOR THE PERRYMAN SIDEWALK PROJECT. SECONDED BY BRYAN SUMMERVILLE. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR


F-9 CITIZEN TALK TIME. NONE.

F-10 REPORTS: CITY COUNCIL, CITY MGR., CITY STAFF (NO DISCUSSION, INFORMATION UPDATE ONLY). NONE.

F-11 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PRESENT THE VOTER APPROVED AND NO NEW REVENUE TAX RATE AND A PROPOSED TAX RATE. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED WITH THE CHANGES IN LEGISLATION AND HOW THE TAX RATE CALCULATION WORKSHEET IS. SHE WENT OVER THE WORKSHEET. ON PAGE 6, LINE ITEM 43- CERTIFIED 2022 EXCESS DEBT COLLECTIONS \$187.652; PAGE 10, LINE ITEM 80- 2023 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE, ADJUSTED FOR EMERGENCY REVENUE 0.353048, NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE 0.374686, DE MINIMIS RATE 0.408381. SHE RECOMMENDS TO NOT GO WITH NO-NEW-VOTER RATE 0.374686. SHE RECOMMENDS GOING WITH THE PROPOSED .36 TAX RATE THIS IS LOWER THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. BOB TARDIFF MADE A MOTION TO PRESENT TO CITIZENS THE VOTER APPROVE RATE, NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE, DE MINIMIS RATE AND A PROPOSED TAX RATE .36. SECONDED BY BRYAN SUMMERVILLE. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

G. WORKSHOP ON 2023-2023. COUNCIL ENTERED INTO WORKSHOP AT 6:21 P.M. THE ITEMS DISCUSSED: CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, NOTED CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET WORKERS COMP. INSURANCE WENT UP \$17,000, THIS WILL HIT (4) DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET; COUNCIL SET 3 % COLA FOR EMPLOYEES. THE POSTAGE WENT UP, SHE WILL ADJUST WATER AND COURT BUDGET. SHE WILL DO FULL DRAFT OF BUDGET. WORKSHOP ENDED 6:29 P.M.

H. ADJOURNMENT. 6:29 MEETING ADJOURNED.


MICHELLE WIESE, CITY SECRETARY


JEFF D. DAUGHERTY, MAYOR