

Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lindsay

Mayor	Scott Neu
Alderman	Klay Gilbert
	Jeff Neu
	Glenn Block
	Robert Sharp
	Sam Sparkman
City Secretary	Monica Laux
Police Chief	Jimmy Yarbrough

Visitors: Betsy Fleitman, *Consultant*; Leon Fleitman; David Spaeth; Sharon Amaral; Kenny Bezner, *Keep Lindsay Beautiful*; Suzanne Bezner, *Keep Lindsay Beautiful*; Larry Schumacher, *Keep Lindsay Beautiful*; Della Turner, *Keep Lindsay Beautiful*; Bob Middlebrooks, *Keep Lindsay Beautiful*, Trice Henry, *Keep Lindsay Beautiful*.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiances were led by Klay Gilbert. The Roll Call was then taken showing all members present. Establishing a quorum, Mayor Neu called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. The Consent Agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Jeff Neu and a second by Glenn Block. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:01PM the mayor opened a public hearing to consider public comments on and consider the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and set the 2019-2020 tax rate. The proposed M&O tax rate is 0.2692 per \$100 of value and the proposed I&S tax rate is 0.2170 per \$100 of value for a total proposed tax rate of 0.486200 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the city of Lindsay by \$43,222.00 or 11.272%; of that amount \$11,900.72 is tax revenue raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

David Spaeth was present to comment under the public hearing. Mr. Spaeth acknowledged the Council for doing a good job and inquired on the additional amount of revenue generated for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and the proposed uses for the monies, adding he would like street repairs done with the additional \$43,000.00. The mayor stated that in the 2019-2020 budget, street maintenance has been added. The mayor closed the public hearing at 7:04PM

The council then considered Ordinance 0919-1, adopting the 2019-2020 budget. Glenn Block made the motion to approve the budget as presented. Klay Gilbert seconded the motion. The City Secretary called roll for each council member's vote. All members favored the motion. The next item for consideration was Resolution 090919-2, a Resolution Ratifying the Property Tax Revenue increase reflected in the budget. Klay Gilbert made a motion to approve the Resolution. Jeff Neu seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 after a roll call vote showed all members in favor of the motion. Next the council took action on Ordinance 0919-3, adopted the 2019-2020 tax rate on a motion by Jeff Neu stating "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.486200/\$100.00 of valuation which is effectively an 11.272% percent increase in the tax rate." Klay Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with a roll call vote reflecting all in favor.

Sharon Amaral spoke under Citizen's Comments. She expressed her frustration and ask that the Council review the Blackrock problems in her yard. She said Blackrock replaced a section of her driveway, but the concrete work is very poor. The corner cracked when they removed the concrete forms. She went on to inform the Council the concrete is wavy and very poor work. She also mentioned there is a hole in

her yard that is uneven and can not be mowed. Jeff Neu informed Mrs. Amaral that he will look at her yard^{8/7} and advise on corrective action.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Keep Lindsay Beautiful to replace the existing T-boxes on the Disc Golf Course. Kenny Bezner spoke regarding replacing the current T-boxes with concrete and getting a quote to have the work done. Concern was shown if the concrete truck would be driving on the walking path in the park. Mr. Bezner informed the Council this should not be a concern. Permission was granted for the T-boxes.

Recycling options were discussed by Larry Schumacher. He explained to the Council about the seventeen years of recycling history in the City of Lindsay. Mr. Schumacher expressed concern on the continuing expenses for the trailers, including tires, the need for a replacement swing door and his desire to explore the recycling options. Mayor Neu talked about two companies that will offer the City recycling; Republic Services and Champion Waste and Recycling. He presented the cost from the two companies showing Champion was the most competitive with \$120.00 per month rent and \$240 for each haul off for a yearly estimated cost of \$4230.00 for a 30-yard closed top container. Klay Gilbert made a motion to use Champion Waste and Recycling, seconded by Sam Sparkman. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion made by Jeff Neu, seconded by Glenn Block taking action on Ordinance 0919-4, Amending the Schedule of Fees. Mayor Neu informed the Council, the ordinance will change fees for the residential sanitation, minimum for building permits and the escrow required for subdivisions. The motion carried 5-0.

The 2019-2020 Cooke County Appraisal District's Budget was passed with a motion from Jeff Neu, seconded by Sam Sparkman. Motion carried 5-0.

After a short discussion, Schalk and Smith Accountant will be the City of Lindsay's auditor. A motion made by Klay Gilbert, seconded by Glenn Block affirmed the agreement for the 2019-2020 audit. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Policies for the City employees was presented to the Council. Mayor Neu stated the changes are the gun policy, holidays are now in the policy along with paid vacation, sick time with accruals with a cap on them. Klay Gilbert's motion approved the policies, along with Robert Sharp's second. Motion carried 5-0

Action was taken on the agenda item to purchase a pull dump trailer for the Lindsay Maintenance Department. To purchase the trailer from Texas Pride Trailers for \$9,335.25 was made with a motion from Glenn Block, seconded by Robert Sharp. Motion carried 5-0.

The last item on the agenda was the Voluntary Petition for the Annexation of property owned by Leon and Betsy Fleitman. Mayor Neu stated there are two acres that are unannexed. If approved tonight it will begin the process for annexation. There will need to be public hearings and the request for water and sewer. Klay Gilbert made the motion to accept, Glenn Block seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Under Alderman's reports, Robert Sharp requested that Police Chief Yarbrough occasionally drive the 2009 Explorer. Chief Yarbrough stated the need to get the computer system in full operation. Mayor Neu was glad to report that Chief Yarbrough was granted a \$7,500.00 grant from COPS/YNIC. The new software will allow him to report directly to the state, making his job more efficient.

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM (For more detailed information consult the recording of this meeting available at City Hall.)

Jeff Neu
Mayor

Monica Lauer
City Secretary