

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
Police Chief	Jimmy Yarbrough
City Secretary	Monica Laux

Due to COVID-19 and Governor Abbott's executive order limiting gatherings, participating remotely was available through ZOOM login information.

Visitors: Steve Snyder; *The Lindsay Letter*, Charles Hayes; *Hayens and Associated*, Dallas Haynes; *Hayens and Associates* and Bradley Anderle, *TOASE*- attended remotely.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiances were led by Scott Neu. The Roll Call was then taken showing all present. Establishing a quorum, Mayor Neu called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

No one signed to speak or requested to speak remotely under Citizen's Comments.

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Jeff Neu and a second by Sam Sparkman. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to table the financial statements for August 2020 from the consent agenda until the October meeting was made by Jeff Neu and seconded by Sam Sparkman. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place regarding the agreement for an auditor for the 2020-2021 year. Charles Haynes talked to the Council, explaining his services and company. He stated that he has five staff members and one volunteer working at Haynes and Associates. He also said the proposed agreement is written for a one-year term with the option to add another year or two. A motion to accept the agreement for a one-year term, with Hayens and Associates for the auditing firm for 2020-2021, was made by Robert Sharp, seconded by Klay Gilbert. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to accept the rate increase, per contract, with Waste Connection was made by Robert Sharp, seconded by Jeff Neu. Motion carried 5-0.

No action was taken on the contract with Sunbelt Pools with a motion from Robert Sharp, a second from Sam Sparkman. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was approving the 2020-2021 Cooke County Appraisal District Budget. The budget was approved with a motion from Sam Sparkman, a second from Klay Gilbert. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Neu explained the need to hire a law firm to collect delinquent fines, fees, and court costs. He informed the council that the greatest number of unpaid fines are from out of state. A collection agency would find the person and mail them collection letters. The City of Lindsay would have no costs to hire this firm. A thirty percent fee would be added to the fine when collected. Klay Gilbert made a motion to hire Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Motts, L.L.P., Jeff Neu seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Bradley Anderle explained to the council, the notice pursuant to government code, Sec. 2254.1036. A motion made by Klay Gilbert to approve Ordinance 0920-4, providing a fee to defray the cost of collecting delinquent fines, fees, court cost and other debts pursuant to Article 103.0031 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures as well as the agreement for collections. The motion was seconded by Robert Sharp. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion allowing Mayor Neu to conduct the voting for the TML Board of Trustee Health Pool Election was made by Robert Sharp, Sam Sparkman seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Glenn Block made a motion to allow Mayor Neu to also conduct the voting for the TML Board of Trustee Risk Pool elections, Robert Sharp seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:47PM, a Public Hearing opened to consider the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and set the 2020-2021 tax rate. Mayor Neu stated the State changed the Truth in Taxation valuation. No one signed up to speak for the Public Hearing was closed at 7:49PM.

After reviewing Ordinance 0920-1, adopting the 2020-2021 budget, Klay Gilbert made a motion to accept the ordinance, Glenn Block seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken showing 5 for, 0 against, and 0 abstained.

Resolution 090120-2, ratifying the property revenue increase reflected in the budget was approved with a motion from Jeff Neu, seconded by Klay Gilbert. A roll call vote was taken showing 5 for, 0 against and 0 abstained.

The last item on the agenda was Ordinance 0920-3, adopting the 2020-2021 tax rate. Jeff Neu made a motion to "move the property tax rate be increase by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.4862, which is effectively 8.7% increase in the tax rate". Klay Gilbert seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken showing 5 for, 0 against and 0 abstained.

Robert Sharp inquired about the EJT of the City of Lindsay and was questioning about adding to the current ETJ. It was informed the City can advance about ½ mile.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:56PM. (For more detailed information you may consult the recording of this meeting available at City Hall).