

**SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS THAT WAS HELD **SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 AT 7:00 PM** IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1200 SOUTH COMMERCE, OVERTON, TEXAS.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>Place</u>
C. R. Evans Jr., Mayor		David Stone	4
Trampas Freeman	1		
John Posey, Mayor Pro Tem	2		
Jerry Clark	3		
Michael Paul Williams	5		

Also, in attendance were Wendy Bates, City Controller, Gabriel Wallace, Police Captain and Rachél Gafford, City Secretary representing staff.

A. CALL TO ORDER) – Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Posey*
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance of the U. S. Flag and the Texas Flag was led by Councilmember Clark.*

B. CITIZEN FORUM - None

C. BUSINESS

1. Hear and take action regarding City of Overton Personnel Policy amendment regarding Chapters 1 through 6.

City Controller Bates presented the revised Chapters including the new Table of Contents and the Definitions sections explaining that more definitions would be added as staff made the revisions to Chapters 7 to Chapter 17.

Mayor Pro Tem Posey made a motion to approve the amendments to the City of Overton Personnel Policy as submitted.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0, Councilmember Stone absent.

2. Hear and discuss FY2018 - 2019 Budget Amendment.

City Controller Bates presented the proposed Budget Amendment with no changes since the last presentation on August 29th. Bates stated that the amount approved for the replacement sewer equipment truck is still included even though staff has not found an adequate replacement for the Sewer Vac Con Truck with anticipation for needed to possibly rent equipment prior to the end of the year and the truck will still need to be replaced.

No action taken

3. Hear, discuss and take action regarding an Ordinance to amend the City of Overton Schedule of Fee's for FY 2020.

City Controller Bates presented the staff report and the proposed Ordinance to amend the City Schedule of fees.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019.09.05A as presented.

Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0, Councilmember Stone absent.

ORDINANCE NO: 2019.09.05A

**CODE OF ORDINANCE - APPENDIX A
City of Overton - Schedule of Fees**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07-29B - "APPENDIX A" CITY OF OVERTON - SCHEDULE OF FEES, AND ALL AMENDMENTS MADE THERETO BY UPDATING FEES IMPOSED BY THE CITY REGARDING ADMINISTRATION, CLUB HOUSE RENTAL FEE, LICENSES/PERMITS, WATER RATES, SEWER RATES, UTILITY TAP FEES, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, AND BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTION SERVICES; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

4. Hear and discuss FY2019 - 2020 Proposed Budget.

City Controller Bates presented the updated proposed FY2020 Budget stating that there had been one change made since the proposed budget was last presented on August 29th that being the addition of \$14,000 to street repairs to repave East Henderson Street. The repaving project would start from the Old VFW building to the East end of East Henderson Street and the work would be done by Rusk County with the City providing the materials. Bates requested that if Council had any objections to this expenditure, please let staff know. Bates informed Council that the Public Works staff had just replaced several bell joints and water leaks along this street, staff felt it was necessary to contract with Rusk County to repave this road immediately to help preserve the repairs made to the infrastructure. The \$14,000 was moved from Materials & Supplies (\$7,000) and Street Repairs Materials (\$7,000) and moved into the Street Repairs line item.

No questions or objections regarding the proposed changes to the proposed budget were received from Council.

D. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

• OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

1. Hear public comments regarding a reading of an Ordinance approving and adopting a budget for the City of Overton, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020 (2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year).

Mayor Evans then read the following statement before opening the floor for public comments: THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$8,929.05 WHICH IS 1.48% OF WHICH \$1,910.00 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR WITH THE PROPOSED TAX RATES OF \$0.777911 (\$0.475795 (M&O), \$0.252116 (I&S) AND \$0.050000 (Cemetery).

- a. Citizen's comments – *No comments were received*

2. Hear public comments regarding second reading of an Ordinance levying Ad Valorem Taxes for Maintenance and Operation and the Interest and Sinking Fund of the Municipal Government of the City of Overton for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year (Tax Year 2019).

THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.727911 (\$0.475795 (M&O) AND \$0.252116 (I&S)) WILL RAISE MORE TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 1.37% PERCENT AND WILL LOWER TAXES ON A HOME ASSESSED AT \$72,649 BY APPROXIMATELY \$1.30.

- a. Citizen's comments - *No comments were received*
- 3. City Council to hear public comments regarding second reading of an Ordinance levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Maintenance of the City of Overton Municipal Cemetery for the 2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year (Tax Year 2019).

THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.050000 (Cemetery) WILL RAISE MORE TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE BY \$122.77 DUE TO NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL.

- a. Citizen's comments - *No comments were received*
- CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor Evans to announce the following statement:

The City Council of the City of Overton will vote on a proposed tax rate for general operation (M & O) and Debt (I & S) for the 2019 tax year that would increase total tax revenues. The Council will also vote on a proposed tax rate for the Cemetery Fund for the 2019 tax year. Both votes will occur at the Regularly Called City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 12, 2019 in City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 1200 South Commerce Street, Overton, Texas 75684.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Posey made a motion to adjourn.
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4 – 0, Councilmember Stone absent.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted, approved and/or corrected this 12th day of September, 2019.



CITY OF OVRTON

C. R. Evans, Jr.

 C. R. Evans, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rachel Gafford

 Rachel Gafford, TRMC, CITY SECRETARY

Council Actions Items:

1. CA2019.09.05A – City of Overton Personnel Policy Amendment Chapters 1-6, Table of Contents & Appendix A - Definitions
2. Ord. No. 2019.09.05A – City of Overton – Schedule of Fees Amendment

