



THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FANNIN §

September 13, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the City Council of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on September 13, 2022, a Regular Meeting and Special Session at 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Michael Pye, Mayor Pro Tem Noel Nixon, Councilmembers Garry Doyle, Billy Wayne Martin, Al Stephens, and Debra Wilcox.

Staff present: City Administrator George Evanko, City Secretary Melissa Verde, Utility Billing Clerk Kim Davis, Police Chief Brian Meserole, and Public Works Director Woody Patrick.

Registered Guests: D'Anne Carson, Cherokee Stewart, CJ Durbin-Higgins, David Perkins, Margy Hall, and Betsy Blevins.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum

Mayor Michael Pye called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags

3. Propose tax rate- The proposed tax rate is equal to the voter approval rate of \$0.499325/\$100 of taxable value.

a. **2022 Voter Approval Maintenance & Operating Rate** \$0.394493/\$100

b. **2022 Debt Rate** \$0.071732/\$100

c. **Unused Increment Rate** \$0.033100/\$100

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to approve. Second by Councilmember Doyle. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Adjourn Special Session

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Stephens. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

5. Approval of August 9, 2022 Minutes

Councilmember Wilcox motioned to approve. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Nixon. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

6. Department Reports

- a. Police Department
- b. Public Works
- c. Administrative
- d. Financial Report

7. Open Forum:

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Council is not required to comment or deliberate regarding such statements or comments during this period. Sec. 551.007 of Open Meeting Act 2020.

No speakers.

8. Guest Presentations

- a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action: Event Permit Application- Leonard Jr. High Parent Teacher League Fall Vendor Fair (Leonard Jr High PTL)**

Councilmember Doyle motioned to approve and waive permit fee. Second by Councilmember Stephens. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

9. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on: Resolution R-091322-1 directing the publication of a notice of intention to issue combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000, to provide funds for water system improvements. (D’Anne Carson presenting)**

Councilmember Stephens motioned to approve Resolution R-091322-1 in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000 to provide funds for water system improvements. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Nixon. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

- b. **Discussion and possible action on: Resolution R-091322-2 Approve Fannin County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Texoma Council of Governments “TCOG” representative CJ Durbin Higgins presenting)**

Councilmember Wilcox motioned to approve Resolution R-091322-2. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Nixon. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

- c. **Discussion and possible action on: Resolution R-091322-3 Committing City of Leonard to provide local matching funds to secure and complete the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Projects including critical infrastructure generators.**

Councilmember Stephens motioned to approve R-091322-3. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

- d. **Discussion and possible action on: Resolution R-091322-4 regarding the City of Leonard’s participation in the State of Texas HOME Investment Partnerships Program.**

Councilmember Wilcox motioned to approve Resolution R-091322-4. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

- e. **Discussion and possible action: Kimley Horn engineering contract for the HMAC generator project in an amount not to exceed \$357,937**

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to approve. Second by Councilmember Doyle. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

10. Announcements

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon thanked Public Works Department for repairing leaks, keeping water moving, fixing streets, and all their hard work, and thanked City Staff George, Melissa, and Kim for the financial reconciliation, all their efforts, and expressed congratulations on a job well done. Mayor Michael Pye announced that he has taken a second job as a referee on Tuesdays and stated that he has the best staff,

City Council, front staff, and Public Works in Texas and they are all really appreciated.

11. Adjournment

Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

APPROVED:



Mayor Michael Pye

ATTEST:



Melissa Verde, City Secretary