

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the City Council of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas, held a Special Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 111 W Collin Street, Leonard, Texas, on September 19, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was broadcast live on the city's Facebook page. A video recording of the meeting is available to members of the public at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofLeonard>.

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Noel Nixon, Councilmembers Billy Wayne Martin, Leonard Phillips, Al Stephens, and Peyton Webster. *Mayor Michael Pye was absent.*

Staff present: City Administrator George Evanko, City Secretary Melissa Verde

Registered Guests: There were no registered guests.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Verification of Quorum

Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM after confirming a quorum was present.

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

After the invocation, the group recited the pledges of allegiance to the US and Texas flags.

3. Hold a public hearing on the 2023-2024 tax rate increase.

The public hearing opened at 6:31 PM upon a motion by Councilmember Peyton Webster and seconded by Councilmember Al Stephens; there being no public comments, the hearing closed at 6:32 PM upon a motion by Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin and seconded by Councilmember Leonard Phillips.

4. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance No. 230919-1 adopting the 2023-2024 tax rate. Note: The proposed tax rate is equal to the voter approval rate of \$0.465488 per \$100 of taxable value.

Councilmember Peyton Webster moved, seconded by Councilmember Al Stephens, the following:

"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.465488 per \$100, which is equal to the voter approval rate, as specified in Ordinance No. 230919-1."

This item requires a record vote, and the results are as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon – Aye

Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin – Aye

Councilmember Leonard Phillips – Aye
Councilmember Al Stephens – Aye
Councilmember Peyton Webster – Aye

Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 230919-1 and the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Tax Rate.

5. Discussion and possible action approving the Maintenance & Operations component of \$0.409058 per \$100 of taxable value. *This includes the unused increment rate of \$0.033100 per \$100.*

Councilmember Peyton Webster moved, seconded by Councilmember Leonard Phillips, to approve the maintenance and operations component of the new 2023-24 tax rate, per Texas Tax Code 26.05(a). Council approved the motion unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action approving the Debt Service component of \$0.05643 per \$100 of taxable value.

Councilmember Al Stephens moved, seconded by Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin, to approve the debt service component of the new 2023-24 tax rate, per Texas Tax Code 26.05(a). Council approved the motion unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action ratifying the 2023-2024 budget that will raise total property tax revenue.

Councilmember Al Stephens moved to ratify the 2023-24 budget that will raise the total revenue, seconded by Councilmember Leonard Phillips, per the Texas Local Government Code 102.007(c).

8. Announcements

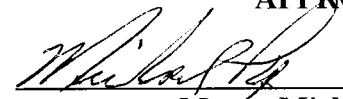
City Administrator George Evanko announced that a special meeting was posted for Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 PM. Councilmembers expressed their availability to attend.

9. Adjournment

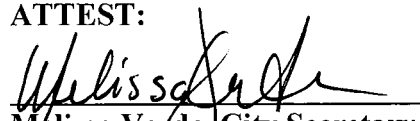
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned upon a motion from Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin and seconded by Councilmember Peyton Webster, at 6:38 PM.

CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

APPROVED:


Mayor Michael Pye

ATTEST:


Melissa Verde, City Secretary