

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2024

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 17, 2024, 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 Michael Pye, Mayor Pro Tem Al Stephens, Councilmembers Billy Wayne Martin, Leonard Phillips, Bobby Hanson, and Peyton Webster.

Staff present: City Administrator George Evanko, City Secretary Melissa Verde, Court and P&Z Secretary Kim Davis, and Police Chief Meserole.

Registered Guests: Teresa Nixon.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Verification of Quorum

Mayor Pye 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. Discussion and possible action on approving the 2024-2025 fiscal budget.

- I. Discussion took place and a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stephens to adopt the 2024-2025 fiscal budget, seconded by Councilmember Hanson, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on proposing a tax rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

a. Conduct a public hearing regarding the 2024 tax rate

- i. The proposed tax rate shall not exceed the tax rate of \$0.549594/\$100 of taxable value.

1. 2024 Maintenance & Operating Rate \$0.361842/\$100

2. 2024 Debt Rate \$0.187752/\$100

5. Discussion and possible action on setting the maintenance and operating rate at \$0.361842/\$100TV.

- I. Discussion took place and a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stephens to set the debt rate at \$0.187752/\$100, seconded by Councilmember Webster, the motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Phillips against.
6. Discussion and possible action on setting the maintenance & operating rate at \$0.361842/\$100.
 - I. Discussion took place and a motion was made by Councilmember Webster to set the maintenance & operating tax rate at \$0.361842/\$100, seconded by Councilmember Hanson, the motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Phillips against.
7. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 240917-1 levying the tax rate.
 - I. Discussion took place and a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stephens to adopt Ordinance 240917-1, seconded by Councilmember Hanson, the motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember Phillips against.
8. Announcements
 - I. Mayor Pro Tem Stephens thanked those who attended the budget workshops & participated. Mayor Pye commended the Council and everyone for their work on the budget.
9. Adjournment
 - I. Motion was made by Councilmember Martin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Hanson, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

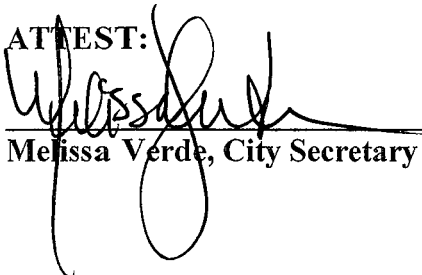
CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

APPROVED:



Mayor Michael Pye

ATTEST:



Melissa Verde, City Secretary