

**CITY OF LAKE WORTH
Minutes for City Council
Public Hearing/Special Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2010
3801 Adam Grubb • Lake Worth, Texas
6:30 P.M. – Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Walter Bowen called the Council Public Hearing/Special meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Geoffrey White gave invocation and attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call.

Council members present were Mayor Walter Bowen, Curtis McKay, Myrt Fowlkes, Pat O. Hill, and Geoffrey White. Clint Narmore arrived at 6:37 p.m. Perry Lunsford and Dona Stuard were absent.

Staff present were Brett McGuire, City Manager; Ken West, Assistant City Manager; Linda Rhodes, City Secretary; Debbie Whitley, Director of Finance; Mimi Soulivong, Staff Accountant; and Jami Woodall, EDC Coordinator.

4. Public Hearing Item:

- a. **Hold first of two required Public Hearings (no action) for the Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2010/2011 and announce meeting date of Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at 3801 Adam Grubb, Lake Worth, Texas to vote on the tax rate.**

Mayor Bowen announced this was the first of two public hearings for the proposed tax rate for FY 2010/2011 and announced the meeting date of Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at 3801 Adam Grubb to vote on the tax rate. The tax rate being proposed is \$0.492512.

Mayor Bowen opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 pm.

Persons speaking during the Public Hearing were David Bruski of 6317 Longhorn Trail and a lady resident (name unknown) of 2825 Hiawatha Trail. Mr. Bruski asked why the tax rate was going up again. Council and staff explained that, due to decreased values in some homes and the amount of debt in the Interest and Sinking portion of the tax, it was necessary to slightly raise the tax rate. However, for homes that had a decreased value, some property owners' taxes would actually go down. Mr. Bruski was one of those property owners. He then asked what cuts were made, if any, to the budget. Brett McGuire responded that the General Fund was cut about \$64,000 from last year's budget and there is one

position that will be eliminated; the reason for the majority of the increase came from the I&S portion of the tax.

The lady resident that spoke was not the actual property owner, but was present. The value of the address where she resides stayed the same.

There were no other persons present wishing to speak.

Mayor Bowen closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm.

5. City Manager Reports:

- a. Announce second Public Hearing date for Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2010/2011 to be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at 3801 Adam Grubb, Lake Worth, Texas.**

Brett McGuire announced that there will be a second public hearing for the proposed tax rate for 2010/2011 on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at 3801 Adam Grubb.

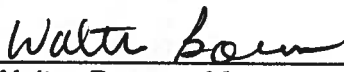
- b. Announce date for Public Hearing and Action to be taken on the Proposed Budget for FY 2010/2011 to be on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at 3801 Adam Grubb, Lake Worth, Texas.**

Brett McGuire announced the public hearing/action on the proposed budget for FY 2010/2011 will be on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at 3801 Adam Grubb.

6. Adjourn.


There being no further business, Mayor Walter Bowen closed the Council Public Hearing/Special meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED:



 Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Linda Rhodes, TRMC/CMC
 City Secretary