



CITY OF DOUBLE HORN

Minutes

City Council

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019

7:00 PM, SPICEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

Located at 7901 CR 404

SPICEWOOD, TEXAS 78669

THE CITY OF DOUBLE HORN COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS OF DISABILITY. IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT CATHY SERENO AT 830-693-1508 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

Citizens will be given an opportunity to provide comments on any item listed on the regular agenda when the agenda item is called. Comments should be limited to (3) three minutes.

1. Call Meeting to Order: Time- 7:00 pm

2. **Roll Call to Confirm Quorum:**

RG Carver, Jim Millard, Gwen Stirling, and Mayor Cathy Sereno are present. Glenn Leisey is absent. A quorum has been met.

3. **Invocation:** Karen Maxwell

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

5. **Citizen Comments** – This is an opportunity for the citizens to address the City Council concerning an issue of community interest not on the agenda. Any deliberation of an issue raised during the Citizens Comments is limited to a proposal to place it on the agenda for a later meeting. Each citizen will be allowed 3 minutes to speak and must sign up before the meeting begins and indicate the subject the speaker wishes to address.

No one signed up to speak.

6. **Regular Agenda** – the Council will individually discuss, consider and possibly take action on any or all of the following items:

A. Conduct a public hearing; and Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding **Ordinance No. 2019ORD010** of the City of Double Horn, Texas, approving the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, adopting a budget and appropriating resources for the City of Double Horn, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020. *(Roll call vote required.)*

Open Hearing: Time 7:04pm

- Dick Akins spoke to budget questions and was concerned that the legal fees in the budget seemed low.
- Robin (Last name?) spoke to the petition regarding what happens financially if the State loses the appeal and takes it to the Supreme Court.
- Bob Link spoke to the legal debt and asked after the difference between the expenses of \$58,112 and revenues of \$64,132.73, which is a difference of \$6,020.73.
- Lou (last name?) asks about how money could be moved from column to column on the budget.
- David Reddrop asked questions about cash on hand and how is cash on hand recorded on this budget. He was guesstimating it was a fairly low number. He wonders how the city will handle money decisions on a 6- month basis.

Mayor discussed how legal fees were an estimation based on our usage to date. The city has to deal with the needs of today and can't speculate about the election or lawsuit outcomes. The Mayor explains how the budget includes expenses of \$58,112 and, \$6,020.73 for unknown expenses, can be placed into the "Reserve Fund." The Mayor explained that for money in one column of the budget to be utilized in different areas at a later time, it would have to come before the Council and a vote as part of a budget amendment.

Close Public Hearing: 7:14pm

Mayor recommended implementing a *Process and Improvement Plan* for an annual review of areas to trim.

Motion: Jim Millard move to approve Ordinance No. 2019-ORD-010 of the City of Double Horn approving the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, adopting said budget and appropriating resources for the City of Double Horn for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Second: RG Carver seconded the motion.

Vote:

Council Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
RG Carver	x		
Jim Millard	x		
Gwen Stirling	x		
Glenn Leisey (Absent)	-----	-----	-----
Mayor Sereno (no vote)			

The motion passed and Ordinance No. 2019-ORD010 is approved.

- B. Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding **Ordinance No. 2019-ORD011** of the City of Double Horn, Texas, adopting a property tax rate reflected in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget of \$0.095000 per \$100 valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Double Horn for FY 2019-2020. *[Roll call vote required.]*

Public Comment-

- Bob Link asked what the original tax rate from the beginning of the budget discussions. He doesn't understand how the difference between original rate and the rate now will cover the legal fees.
- Dick Akins brought up vote to dissolve the city and what will happen with the city's funds.
- Lou (Last name?) asked about who sets valuation of homes. Discussed that it may take some time for it to get worked out and to not pay to property taxes till January when all the dust has cleared from the election.
- Curtis Raetz discusses how the city must act as if the city is going to continue.

Mayor Sereno talked about how the tax rate number that was discussed prior to incorporation was calculated before the City knew that the Attorney General was going to file a lawsuit and the council has both cut

expenses and added expenses based on a better understanding of their duties and responsibilities. She once again stated that she would not and could not speculate about the election outcome. She clarified the county sets the valuation of the homes. She stated her appreciation of the acknowledgement that the work of the city must continue to move forward.

Motion: Jim Millard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-ORD-011 of the City of Double Horn adopting a property tax rate reflected in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget of \$0.095000 per \$100 valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Double Horn for FY 2019-2020, which is \$0.095000 for M&O and \$0.000000 for debt service.

Second: Gwen Stirling seconded the motion.

Vote:

Council Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
RG Carver	X		
Jim Millard	X		
Gwen Stirling	X		
Glenn Leisey (Absent)	-----	----	-----
Mayor Sereno			

The motion passed and Ordinance No. 2019-ORD011 is approved.

Next meeting will be September 12th at the Spicewood Community Center where the tax will be levied by the Council.

7. Adjournment: Time- 8:04 pm


Jim Millard moved to adjourn the meeting.

RG Carver seconded the motion.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for September 12th.

NOTE: The City Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including §551.071 (private consultation with the attorney for the City); §551.072 (discussing purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property); §551.074 (discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel); and §551.087 (discussing economic development negotiations). Any decision on such matters will be taken or conducted in Open Session following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 7901 CR 404, Spicewood, Texas on the 25th day of August 2019 at 7PM.



Cathy Sereno, Mayor