



MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
209 S. WASHINGTON STREET
KAUFMAN, TEXAS 75142

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL MEETING TO ORDER Mayor calls the Meeting to order, states the date and time, states Councilmembers present, and declares a quorum present.**

Mayor Jordan called the Special City Council meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Councilmembers present were Jeff Jordan, Lisa Parker, Quattro Borders, Charles Gillenwater, Ashlea Longenecker, Matt Phillips, Jason Nelson. Mayor Jordan declared a quorum present. Also present were City Manager Mike Holder, Assistant City Manager Rachel Bathrop Mendoza, City Secretary Jessie Hanks, Finance Director Mary Wennerstrom, Finance Supervisor Lajohanna Wells, Public Works Director Tim Hopwood, Economic Development Director Stewart McGregor, Development Services Director Andrew Bogda, Fire Chief Ronnie Davis, Police Captain Colter Leftwich, and Police Chief Les Edwards.

CITIZENS COMMENTS / REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS (5 MINUTES) Comments about any of the Council agenda items may be taken into consideration at this time or during the agenda item. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes per individual unless additional time is otherwise required by law for translation. Speaking time is not transferable. Citizens may address the City Council on any subject but must first complete a Request to Speak Form so that the Mayor may call your name to speak at the appropriate time on the Agenda. Comments must be directed to the Council as a whole. **When addressing the Council, please step forward to the speaker's podium, state your name and address, and direct your comments to the Mayor and City Council.**

No comments were given.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider and take appropriate action on Ordinance O-16-23, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kaufman, approving the 2023 Certified Property Tax Values for the City of Kaufman, Texas.

Councilmember Gillenwater made a motion to approve Ordinance O-16-23, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kaufman, approving the 2023 Certified Property Tax Values for the City of Kaufman, Texas as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson and passed 7/0.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed, not to exceed Property Tax Rate of **\$0.767960**, calling for a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 209 S. Washington St., Kaufman, Texas, 75142, and setting the date for the vote on the Property Tax Rate for Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 209 S. Washington St., Kaufman, Texas 75142.

Mayor Pro-Tem Phillips made a motion to approve a proposed, not to exceed Property Tax Rate of \$0.7679760, calling for a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 209 S. Washington St., Kaufman, Texas, 75142, and setting the date for the vote on the Property Tax Rate for Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 209 S. Washington St., Kaufman, Texas 75142. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parker and passed 7/0.

3. Consider and take appropriate action on setting the date, time, and place for a public hearing regarding the City's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, for Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 209 S. Washington St., Kaufman, Texas, 75142, and setting the date for the vote on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 209 S. Washington St., Kaufman, Texas 75142.

Councilmember Borders made a motion to set the date, time, and place for a public hearing regarding the City's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, for Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 209 S. Washington St., Kaufman, Texas, 75142, and setting the date for the vote on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 209 S. Washington St., Kaufman, Texas 75142. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parker and passed 7/0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Jordan adjourned the Special City Council meeting at 6:09 PM.

BUDGET WORK SESSION A Work Session is used to explore matters of interest to one or more City Council Members or the City Manager for the purpose of giving staff direction on whether or not such matters should be placed on a future regular or special meeting of the Council for citizen's input, City Council deliberation and formal City action. Although Work Sessions are public meetings, and citizens have a legal right to attend, they are not public hearings, so citizens are not allowed to participate in the session.

CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER Mayor calls the Work Session to order, states the date and time, states Councilmembers present, and declares a quorum present.**

Mayor Jordan called the Budget Work Session to order at 6:09 PM. Councilmembers present were Jeff Jordan, Lisa Parker, Quattro Borders, Charles Gillenwater, Ashlea Longenecker, Matt Phillips, Jason Nelson. Mayor Jordan declared a quorum present. Also present were City Manager Mike Holder, Assistant City Manager Rachel Bathrop Mendoza, City Secretary Jessie Hanks, Finance Director Mary Wennerstrom, Finance Supervisor Lajohanna Wells, Public Works Director Tim Hopwood, Economic Development Director Stewart McGregor, Development Services Director Andrew Bogda, Fire Chief Ronnie Davis, Police Captain Colter Leftwich, and Police Chief Les Edwards.

4. Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City of Kaufman Budget.

Mr. Holder gave an overview of the current adopted budget, and a 5 year look back on the city's previous budgets. There were discussions regarding the tax rate calculations, the tax rate history, and the proposed tax rate. He reviewed the proposed FY24 operations increase for the general fund.

He informed the Council about the proposed water and sewer rates increase for FY24. There were discussions regarding the city's support for local non-profits, funds for public arts, and the enhanced right-of-way mowing program.

Mayor Jordan recessed the work session at 7:09 PM. Mayor Jordan reconvened the work session at 7:15 PM.

Mr. Holder reviewed the pay scale increase for the fire department. There were discussions on new personnel positions, a policy for maxed-out employees, and personnel requests from the City Manager's Action Committee. He outlined the capital requests, capital improvement projects, and the comprehensive plan. He summarized the discussion and budget requests.

WORK SESSION ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Jordan adjourned the Budget Work Session at 7:50 PM.

ATTEST:

JEFF JORDAN
MAYOR

JESSIE HANKS
CITY SECRETARY

