

The City Council of the City of Willis, Texas convened in special session via teleconference on the date and time aforesaid with the following members present:

Leonard Reed, Mayor  
Thomas Belinoski, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Teresa Herod, Council Member  
Barney Stone, Council Member  
Tom Luster, Council Member  
William Brown, Council Member  
Robert Evans, City Manager  
Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary  
James Nowak, Chief of Police  
Taylor Whichard, Director of Public Works  
Christina Dahse, Court Administrator  
Steven Hill, Director of Community Development

And the following members absent: none, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted to-wit:

1. Call to order the special meeting.  
Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation  
I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee Texas; one state under God, one and indivisible.  
City Secretary called roll, pledges were recited, and Councilman Brown gave the invocation
3. CITIZENS INQUIRY
  - a. Public Comments  
No public comments were received.
4. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Discuss the proposed tax rate and take action if necessary, actions if required, to include scheduling of public hearings.  
Mr. Evans stated that the reason for the meeting was to decide whether or not the City wants to exceed the voter approval rate. Mr. Evans stated the deadline was the August 17, 2020. Mr. Evans stated the no-new-revenue rate basically says we bring in the exact same amount of money, but because there are more properties on the roll, it gets spread out and the rate goes down. Mr. Evans stated that it always sounds good to lower the taxes but in the City's case we have been growing over the last several years and have been expanding the areas we have to service. Mr. Evans stated that if Council chose to use that rate the City did not need to have any special meetings, we could adopt that rate. Mr. Evans stated that at this meeting we need to decide if we want to exceed the voter approval rate, if we want to accept the voter approval rate than we need to schedule a hearing, which we have a tentatively scheduled one for August the 26, 2020. Mr. Evans stated that if the Council chose to not accept the voter approval rate it would eliminate some options in the budget. Mayor asked for any discussion from Council. None was received. Motion was made by Thomas Belinoski to accept the voter's approval tax rate of .6295. Thomas Belinoski amended his motion to included scheduling a public hearing for August 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Tom Luster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. REPORTS  
Input from Council related to issues for possible inclusion on future agendas; related to issues such as (but not limited to) municipal projects, personnel, public property, development, and other city/public business.

No reports

6. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Barney Stone to adjourn. Thomas Belinoski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Leonard Reed, Mayor

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Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary