

Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Barry L. Gordon
Councilmember At-Large Patrick Harvey
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Councilmember Jeremy Koontz
Mayor Pro Tem Mark D. Cooks
Councilmember Greg Contreras

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

In accordance with an Order of the Office of the Governor issued on March 16, 2020, as extended, the City Council for the City of Duncanville, Texas will conduct a City Council Special Meeting in person and by video conference at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") in an effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This is an open meeting conducted by in person and video conference.

Due to limited seating in council chambers, persons or participants may attend via video conference to maintain safe social distance as provided in this notice.

To speak during Citizen Comments via ZOOM, you must register with the City Secretary before 4pm on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, email citysecretary@duncanville.com and title the email "Public Comment – August 31st". You will need to register with the link below and attend the meeting. During the Citizen Comments period of the agenda, the City Secretary will call your name and allow access to your camera and microphone to provide your comments. Feel free to email your comment to the City Secretary for the Mayor to read into the record for any unexpected technical issues that may arise.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DcOkz_bbSCOKbmwEx8gl_g

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

A recording of the video meeting will be made available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Gordon recessed the Regular Session at 6:03 p.m. for Council to convene into Executive Session.

The Executive Session was called into session at 6:04 p.m. and City Attorney Hager read the item into record.

"City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Govt Code to seek legal advise from the City Attorney regarding pending litigation to wit:

- 1. "City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 to seek legal advise from the City Attorney concerning a claim and/or notice of damage to personal and/or real property located at 1726 Green Tree Lane, Duncanville, Texas 75136 in accordance with Section 10.05 of Home Rule Charter and Chapter 101.001 et seq the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code."***

The Council closed the Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Gordon reconvened Regular Session at 6:33 p.m.

3. CITIZENS' INPUT

“Pursuant to Section 551.007 of the Texas Gov’t Code, any member of the public has the opportunity to address the City Council concerning any matter of public business or any posted agenda item; however, the Act prohibits the City Council from deliberating any issues not on the public agenda and such non-agenda issues may be referred to City staff for research and any future action; all persons addressing are subject to council adopted rules and limitations permitted by law”

At this time, two-minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. To address the Council, please submit a fully-completed request card to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Input portion of the Council meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council cannot discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Issues may be referred to City Staff for research and possible future action.

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Mayor Gordon read the item into record. The following spoke during the Citizens Input Period:

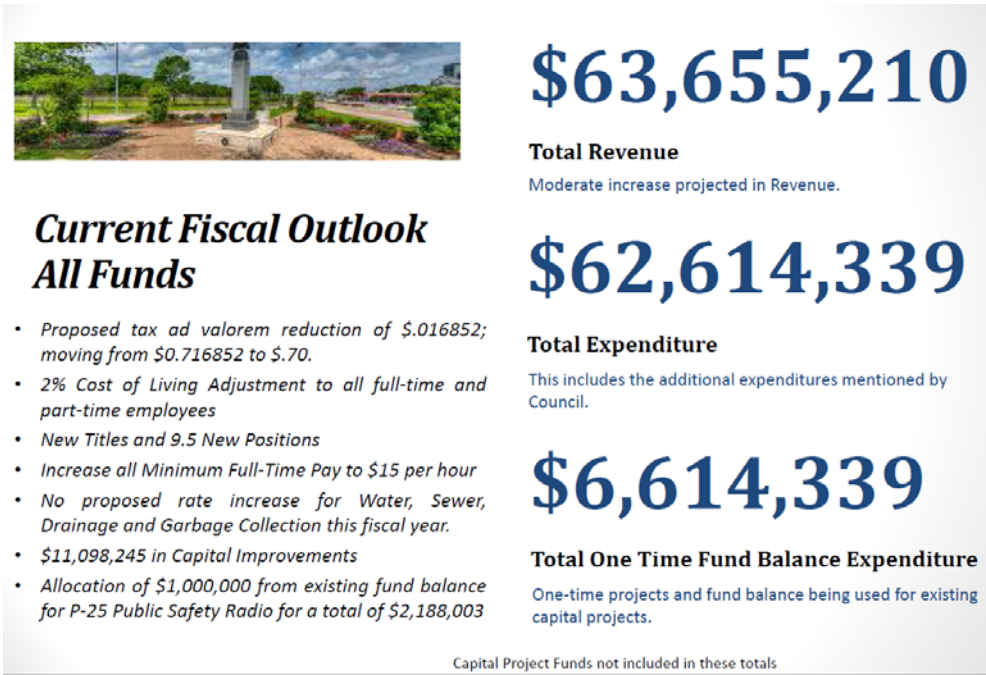
No name/address received via website – submitted a comment on school tax cut for senior citizens.

Patricia Ebert, 115 South Greenstone Lane – submitted a comment regarding crime reports and placing them on Facebook.

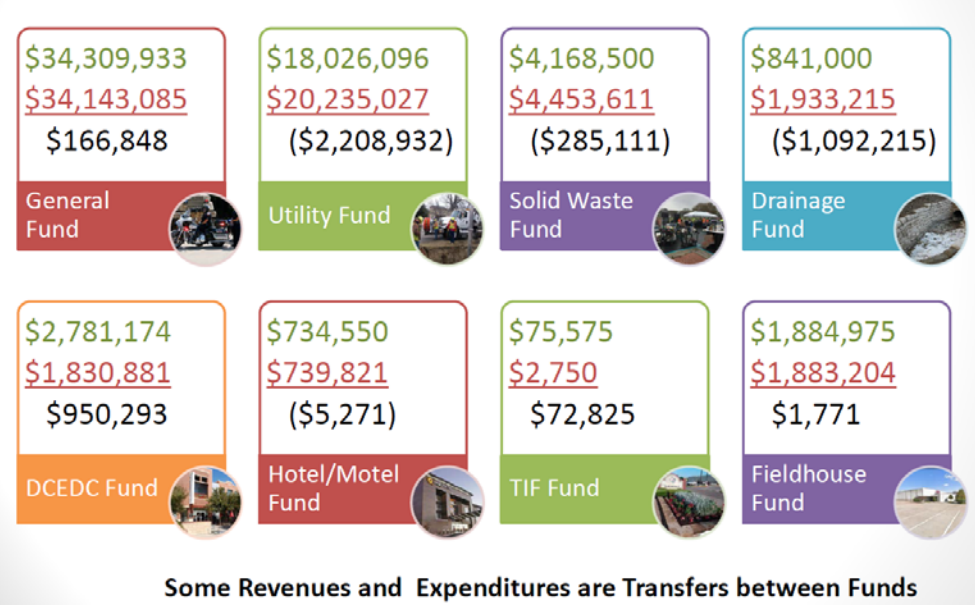
City Manager Ferrell-Benavides stated the school taxes are independent from the City of Duncanville.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

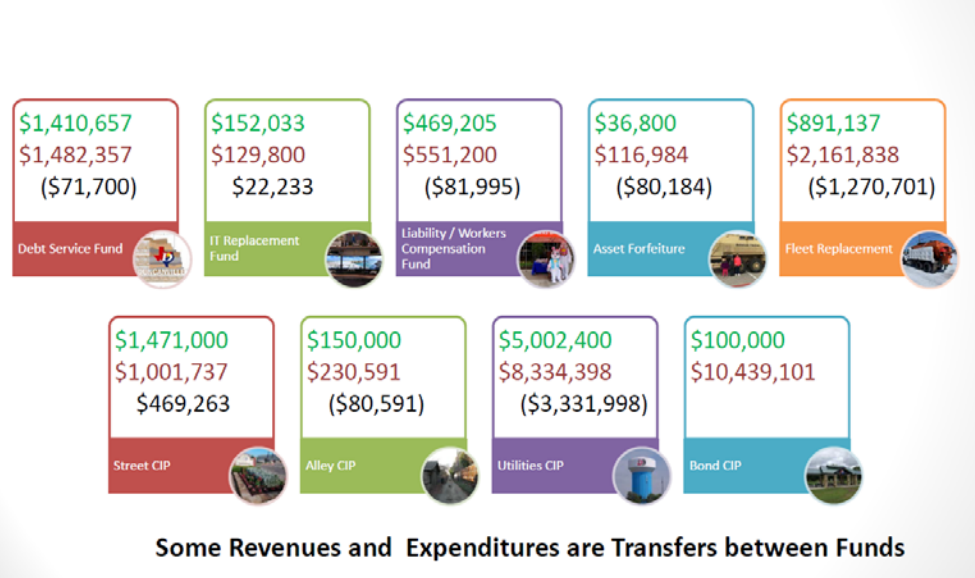
- A. ***Consider an Ordinance approving and adopting a budget for the City for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year shall be made in accordance with said Budget and ratifying the end of year projection FY 2020-2021 Budget (Section 7 of the attached ordinance).***
Budget Analyst Otey presented the item.



FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 All FUND SUMMARY



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Councilmember Don McBurnett made the motion:

I move the proposed budget for the City of Duncanville for Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022; providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year shall be made in accordance with said Budget, be adopted. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$766,534.00, which is a 4.01 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$47,977.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey seconded the motion.

The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against (Councilmember Jeremy Koontz). Item passed.

- B. **Consider an Ordinance Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Year 2021 at a rate of \$0.700000 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Corporate limits of the City as of January 1, 2021, to provide revenues for current expenses and interest and sinking fund requirements; providing for due and delinquent dates together with penalties and interest.**

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey made the motion.

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.700000, which is effectively a 3.88 percent increase in the tax rate.

Councilmember Cooks seconded the motion.

The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against (Councilmember Jeremy Koontz). Item passed.

- C. Consider an Ordinance ratifying the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget which raises more revenue from property tax than in the previous year.**

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion, Councilmember Greg Contreras seconded the motion. The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against (Councilmember Jeremy Koontz). Item passed.

- D. Consider an Ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Master Fee Schedule, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".**

Councilmember Greg Contreras made a motion, Councilmember Don McBurnett seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against. Item passed.

- E. Take any necessary action as a result of the Executive Session.**

City Attorney Hager asked for Council to consider a motion to deny a claim for monetary relief for property located at 1726 Greentree Lane, Duncanville, Texas and to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to send the appropriate letter to the homeowner.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion, Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against. Item passed.

ADJOURNMENT

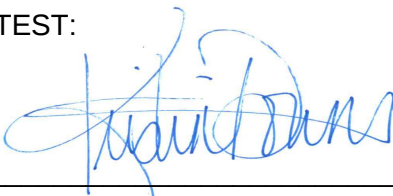
The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY