

CITY OF POST OAK BEND

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Tax Rate

Sept. 23, 2019

MINUTES

1. Mayor Hank Warden called the Monday, Sept. 23, 2019 Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall/Community Center, 1175 CR 278.

2. Council Members Present

Joey Wages
Ronnie Sherrard
Alison Novak
Mike Parker

Not Present

Dr. Stephen McMahon

Also Present:

Barbara Bedrick, City Secretary

3. Public Hearing on proposed tax rate of \$.30 on \$100 valuation

Mayor Warden opened the public hearing, welcoming all those residents who came. Approximately 26 people were in attendance. Of those, many voiced their concerns about a proposed \$.30 per \$100 valuation ad valorem tax. Post Oak Bend City's first mayor, Al Ray, addressed the council, and said he understood the problems of funding roads. He agreed a tax may be needed, but asked council members to consider starting with a lower tax rate.

Mayor Warden and Council Members listened to residents, and responded to some questions and issues. Bob Harris spoke in favor of the property tax even though he lives on FM 987. Most residents, however, were opposed to the proposed tax rate. Many of them expressed their concerns to Council members including John Negrete, Gail Cloud, Ed Domaracki, Jon Hicks, Jeff Arnwine, Marcia Raynes and John Denton. Some of the residents who were against a \$.30 per \$100 property value said they could possibly accept a lower rate. Others raised the question of how the City was going to enforce the tax rate collection, would seniors and veterans have exemptions, and how would residents who can barely afford to live pay proposed taxes of \$.30 per \$100 valuation. Following nearly two hours of more questions and comments from the floor, the public hearing came to a close.

4. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Second: In Favor: All Opposed: None

The September 23, 2019 Public Hearing on a proposed tax rate adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Attest: _____
Barbara Bedrick
City Secretary
City of Post Oak Bend

Approved: _____
Hank Warden
Mayor
City of Post Oak Bend