

## Minutes

THE CITY OF TUTTLE COUNCIL MEMBERS MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON **AUGUST 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** IN THE TUTTLE CITY HALL LOCATED AT 221 W. MAIN STREET.

MEMBERS PRESENT: SCOTT DICKSON, TODD LITTLETON, AUSTIN HUGHES AND AARON MCLEROY

MEMBERS ABSENT: MARY SMITH

STAFF PRESENT: TIM YOUNG, WENDY MARBLE, DAVID PERRYMAN, AARON SLATTERY, BRUCE ANTHONY, DON CLUCK AND MATT MEARS

OTHERS PRESENT: LESLIE WALKER, BEN OGLESBEE AND NATE ELLIS

**CALL TO ORDER** McLeroy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Marble called the roll and declared a quorum present

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER.

**McLeroy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Marble called the roll and declared a quorum present.**

2. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CALLING AND HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF TUTTLE, OKLAHOMA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY THE QUESTION OF APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14 OF THE CITY RELATING TO A ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) EXCISE TAX (SALES TAX), IN ADDITION TO ALL PRESENT CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE EXCISE TAXES, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SAID TAX TO BE USED TO FUND STREET IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITING THE CITY, ALL AS MORE FULLY SET OUT IN ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14 OF SAID CITY; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

**Ellis presented this relates to the street sales tax. Young presented this is a 10-year one half cent tax dedicated to neighborhood streets only. Dickson asked if there was excess money could it be used for section line roads. Young stated no. Ellis stated it would take a vote of the people to repurpose the funds. Ellis stated this Resolution calls the election.**

**McLeroy asked what is the plan to promote this election? Could this be explained as a story in the newspaper? Ellis stated there are requirements to publish the Resolution in the newspaper. Littleton asked if Bianca could produce some informational videos. Young stated yes that can be done. Perryman suggested putting the videos on the City website.**

**McLeroy asked if any businesses have voiced concerns about raising the tax. Young stated he has not spoken to any businesses. He stated the new tax rate will be 9.75 percent.**

**Motion was made by Littleton, seconded by Hughes to approve RESOLUTION 2019-10 AUTHORIZING THE CALLING AND HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF TUTTLE, OKLAHOMA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019.**

**Motion carried as follows:**

**Aye: Dickson, Littleton, Hughes and McLeroy**

**Nay: None**

3. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TUTTLE, OKLAHOMA, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF A ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) EXCISE TAX (SALES TAX), IN ADDITION TO ALL PRESENT CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE EXCISE TAXES, TO BE LEVIED UPON THE GROSS PROCEEDS OR GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM ALL SALES TAXABLE UNDER THE OKLAHOMA SALES TAX CODE; PROVIDING THAT THE PROCEEDS OF SAID TAX ARE TO BE USED TO FUND STREET IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITING THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION DATE OF SAID EXCISE TAX; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

**Motion was made by Dickson, seconded by Littleton to approve ORDINANCE 2019-14 RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF A ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) EXCISE TAX (SALES TAX), IN ADDITION TO ALL PRESENT CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE EXCISE TAXES, TO BE LEVIED UPON THE GROSS PROCEEDS OR GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM ALL SALES TAXABLE UNDER THE OKLAHOMA SALES TAX CODE; PROVIDING THAT THE PROCEEDS OF SAID TAX ARE TO BE USED TO FUND STREET IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITING THE CITY.**

**Motion carried as follows:**

**Aye: Dickson, Littleton, Hughes and McLeroy**

**Nay: None**

4. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CALLING AND HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF TUTTLE, OKLAHOMA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE REGISTERED BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE SUM OF ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,600,000) TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING AND/OR CONSTRUCTING AND FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY FOR THE CITY OF TUTTLE, OKLAHOMA, ALL TO BE EXCLUSIVELY OWNED BY SAID CITY, AND TO BE COMPLETED WITH OR WITHOUT THE USE OF OTHER FUNDS, AND LEVY AND COLLECT AN ANNUAL TAX, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES, UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS IT FALLS DUE, AND ALSO TO CONSTITUTE

A SINKING FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL THEREOF WHEN DUE; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PROCEDURES; AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Ellis presented this \$1.6 million bond goes to voters for simple majority approval. This bond will provide funding for Police Station and the proceeds are for this project only. Excess funds could be used for similar Public Safety projects. This is paid by ad valorem taxes.

McLeroy asked where the figure of \$1.6 million come from? Young presented the \$565,000 cost of the property, \$600,000 for renovation, \$100,000 for radio tower, \$100,000 for dispatch improvements and the cost to finance. Littleton asked how we arrived at the remodel figure. Young presented the architect looked at the building and \$600,00 was the low-end cost that he provided. Littleton asked if this is what we need or will we need more money, then what is the plan if it is going to cost more? Young stated we will have to live with it, stating he has added another \$300,000 for the remodel. He stated he would have to engage the architect to get a hard number for the renovation. Littleton asked if the bond committee asked for a hard number. He asked what was discussed for the renovation. Cluck stated offices and jail cells. Dickson stated the lowball figure could increase due to structural and engineering issues. Perryman stated the City has until September 12, 2019 to give the election board the correct number. He stated the Resolution would need to be updated. Ellis stated the City is not bound to issue the full amount. Young asked if we can reimburse preliminary costs. Ellis stated cannot reimburse hard costs prior to 60 days of the bond issuance. He stated you can issue a reimbursement resolution. Young stated he can get the architect to proceed and then reimburse with bond funds. Littleton stated it would be nice to know what accurate cost would be. He stated a new building cost was \$2.5 million to \$5 million and the retrofit cost could be surprising. Maybe not take action until better idea. Young stated would you like \$2 million with excess to be used for other Public Safety needs?

Hughes asked how much on average would this increase affect property taxes. Oglesbee stated the \$1.6 million bond would increase the tax on a \$100,000 home by \$1.34 a month. A \$300,000 home would be approximately \$4.30 a month or \$50 a year.

Young stated he will engage CMS Willowbrook architect. Dickson stated he feels like there is no plan. He asked if we could ask for a higher amount rather than not have enough funding to complete the project. McLeroy stated it would not be good to not have enough funding. Young stated the bond could be for \$2 million.

Perryman stated this could be put on the September 9th meeting. Perryman asked if the council agrees with the scope as written and would like the dollar amount changed. All agreed yes to raise the dollar amount.

Dickson presented that failure to plan is a plan to fail and he has concerns about the cost of the remodel. Young stated he will spend the money to engage the architect.

Perryman asked if you want bond counsel to hold off on sales tax. All said yes. Ellis stated they will wait to send this to the election board.

No Action Taken

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Littleton, seconded by McLeroy to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried as follows:**

**Aye: Dickson, Littleton, Hughes and McLeroy**

**Nay: None**

Attest:

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Wendy Marble, City Clerk

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Aaron McLeroy, Mayor