

Williamson County Emergency Services District #3

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Public Hearing for adoption of the proposed tax rate

Thursday, August 20th, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

I. CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

Commissioner Brown called the public hearing to order at 12:04 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bill Brown, Butch Miller, Dan Hejl, Anne Cano, and Garry Guthrie (arrived at 12:05 p.m.)

Hutto Fire/Rescue Staff Present: Chief Kerwood, MaryAnn Buchanan, Rob Bocanegra, Eric Woods, Drew Neal, via Zoom: Levi Chuey and Chad Chepulis

Guest: via Zoom- John Carlton, Keith Hickman

II. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE

1. No citizens present wishing to speak on proposed tax rate

III. ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted: 
Dan Hejl, Secretary

9-24-20
Date

Approved: 
Bill Brown, President

9-24-20
Date

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Minutes for Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 20th, 2020 at 12:00pm

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

Commissioners Present: Bill Brown, Butch Miller, Dan Hejl, Garry Guthrie and Anne Cano

Hutto Fire Rescue Staff Present: Chief Kerwood, MaryAnn Buchanan, Eric Woods, Drew Neal, Rob Bocanegra, Levi Chuey (via Zoom) and Chad Chepulis (via Zoom)

Guests present online: John Carlton, Keith Hickman

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment – None

III. PRESENTATIONS

1. Fire Chief Report regarding facilities, apparatus and equipment, emergency operations, training, management activities, personnel matters, property tax, sales tax, intergovernmental relations, including written report. We are working with Wilco Emergency Management to conduct a drive through COVID testing site and station 1 which will take place September 22nd, 23rd and 24th from 10am to 2pm.
2. Fire Marshal Report – written report. Hired a part-time inspector for now and his name is Joshua Lantz.
3. Hutto Professional Firefighters Association Report – Golf tournament will be held August 24th. Gun raffle tickets are available for purchase and the drawing will be held August 28th.
4. Hutto Volunteers and Explorers Report – Nothing new to report.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The below Consent Agenda items are considered for approval by one vote unless a Commissioner request that a particular item to be pulled and given further consideration as a Regular Agenda item.

1. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the regular meeting held July 30th, 2020.
2. Discussion and possible approval of accounts paid and accounts payable.
3. Discussion and possible approval of third quarter investment report.


Commissioner Miller made a motion with a second by Commissioner Cano that the consent agenda be approved. Passed 5-0.


V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1st, 2020 to September 30th, 2021. Commissioner Miller made a motion with a second by Commissioner Cano to adopt and approve the proposed budget for fiscal year October 1st, 2020 to September 30th, 2021. Passed 5-0.
2. Discussion and possible action on District's 2020-2021 tax rate, including:
 - a) Take a record vote on the District's 2020 tax rate and adopt an Order Levying Taxes; Commissioner Brown motioned that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100, which is effectively a 2.85% increase in the tax rate. Seconded by Commissioner Cano. Record vote taken as follows: Commissioner Miller – aye; Commissioner Guthrie – aye; Commissioner Hejl – aye; Commissioner Cano – aye; Commissioner Brown – aye. Passed 5-0.
 - b) Authorize filing the Order with Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector;
 - c) Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website.
Commissioner Brown made a motion with a second by Commissioner Miller to authorize filing the Order with Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector and to acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to the home page of District's website. Passed 5-0.
3. Discussion and possible action on fire station #3 construction. We filed our portion of the closing documents yesterday and the seller should be signing today to complete the closing. We will now work on finalizing the design and move forward.
4. Discussion and possible action on Don Allman, CPA engagement letter. Commissioner Miller made a motion with a second by Commissioner Hejl to authorize Chief Kerwood to sign the engagement letter for Don Allman, CPA to conduct our annual audit. Passed 5-0.
5. Discussion and possible action on Fire Chief's evaluation. Very favorable evaluation. Chief is doing a great job. Commissioner Brown made a motion with a second by Commissioner Miller to approve a three percent salary increase for the next fiscal year.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will held Thursday, September 24th, 2020 at noon.
Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Submitted:  9-24-20
Dan Hejl, Secretary Date

Approved:  9-24-20
Bill Brown, President Date