



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2019  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the City Council ("Council") of the Village of The Hills ("the Village") was held at the Village Offices at 102 Trophy Drive, The Hills, Texas 78738. Mayor Ovlen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Council to wit:

Eric B. Ovlen, Mayor

Jim Nelson, Councilmember, Treasurer

Hilda Potsavich, Mayor Pro Tem

George Spencer, Councilmember

Robert Smith, Councilmember, Secretary

Zac Carroll, Councilmember

**and all said persons were present except Jim Nelson and Zac Carroll, thus constituting a quorum.**

Also present were Wendy Smith May and Linda Lunney, Village of the Hills.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ovlen led the pledge.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**1. Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget**

Mayor Ovlen opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget. No one appeared and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

## **2. Hold Public Hearing on Proposed 2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate**

Mayor Ovlen opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. No one appeared and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

## **3. Consider and Approve an Ordinance adopting the FY 2019-2020 Budget**

An increase in salary was the only change from the proposed budget.

*Secretary Smith moved to approve an Ordinance adopting the FY 2019-2020 Budget; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*

## **4. Consider and Approve an Ordinance Adopting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate**

*Councilmember Spencer moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.10 which is effectively a 5.3% increase in the tax rate; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*

## **5. Consider and Approve an Ordinance Adopting a Fee Schedule**

*Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to approve an Ordinance Adopting a Fee Schedule; Councilmember Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*

## **6. Discussion of the next phase of the Walking Trail Project**

The Mayor described the importance of the next phase of the walking trail because it encompasses some of the most challenging terrain, safety, ADA requirements and drainage issues; setting precedent for future phases.

The Board reviewed the engineered plans. The next phase will run from the park on the right side of The Hills Drive, crossing to the left side of the road at Treehaven Lane continuing until it meets the existing trail at Dashwood Court. Bids will be advertised in November with construction beginning around the first of the year.

The engineer will attend a meeting held for affected residents on October 15.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS**

The State of the Village meeting will be held on November 14, 2019.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The Mayor and City Council may adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections §441.071 (Consultation with attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §418.183*

*(Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues), and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).*

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Mayor Pro Tem moved to adjourn at 9:50 am; Secretary Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

(Seal)



Eric B. Ovlen

Eric B. Ovlen, Mayor

Linda Lunney

Linda Lunney, City Secretary