

**City of Hurst  
City Council Minutes  
Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018, at 5:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Special Meeting at Hurst City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

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| Henry Wilson          | ) | Mayor  |
| David Booe            | ) | Mayor Pro Tem  |
| Bill McLendon         | ) | Councilmembers   |
| Larry Kitchens        | ) |  |
| Cindy Shepard         | ) |  |
| Jon McKenzie          | ) |  |
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| Clay Caruthers        | ) | City Manager   |
| Rita Frick            | ) | City Secretary   |
| Clayton Fulton        | ) | Executive Director of Fiscal and Strategic Services        |
| Malaika Marion Farmer | ) | Executive Director of Administration and Customer Services |

With the following Councilmembers absent: Cathy Thompson, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember McKenzie gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND BUDGET RELATED ITEM(S)**

1. Conducted a Public Hearing to consider tax rate for the City's 2018-2019 Fiscal Year budget.

Mayor Wilson announced a public hearing to consider the tax rate for the City's 2018-2019 fiscal year budget and recognized Executive Director of Fiscal and Strategic Services Clayton Fulton who stated this is the second public hearing as required by law because the proposed rate is higher than the effective rate. Mr. Fulton read the following tax rates: current rate \$0.58094, proposed rate \$0.58, rollback tax rate \$0.586350 and effective tax rate \$0.552995. He stated he wanted to highlight that this is the fourth straight year for a tax decrease for the City. He reviewed the two-part rate, Maintenance and Operations (M&O) rate \$0.471551 and the Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate \$0.108449. Mr. Fulton reviewed the tax rate history indicating there has been over \$25 million in property tax savings passed on to the citizens since 1992. He reviewed tax relief exemptions, noting approximately 1.4 billion in exemptions not taxed, which is

\$6.7 million back to the citizens. Mr. Fulton stated on an average residential home value of \$146,000, the tax rate will be approximately \$2.31. He stated the City's portion of a citizen's total tax bill is only 20% of the total bill.

There being no one to speak, Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing.

Mayor Wilson read an email received from Larry Peeler, 1744 Brown Trail, Hurst, Texas who indicated he is unable to attend the hearings due to his work schedule, but wanted to express his concern of the proposed property tax rate and would not support any further property tax rate increase.

Councilmember Wilson announced, "the Hurst City Council will vote on the adoption of a tax rate at public meetings to be held on September 11, 2018 and September 25, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Hurst City Hall."

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

2. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Caruthers reviewed the following calendar items:
  - Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m. – Vote on Budget and Tax Rate
  - Tuesday, September 28, 2018, 6:30 p.m. – Vote on Budget and Tax Rate
  - Saturday, September 29, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Fire Department Open House, Fire Station 1
  - Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 5:30 p.m. – National Night Out, Library and Vivagene Copeland Park
  - Saturday, October 6, 2018, 11:00 a.m. to Noon – Fall Festival, Bellaire Shopping Center/Vivagene Copeland Park
  - Tuesday, October 16, 2018 – Cyber Security Event, Library
  - Saturday, October 13, 2018, 8:00. to 11:00 a.m. – Household Hazardous Waste, Service Center

Executive Director of Administration and Customer Services Malaika Marion Farmer also noted October 13<sup>th</sup> is Hurst Landfill Day. She explained citizens can take items to the landfill for free on the second Saturday of the month.

3. City Council Reports – Items of Community Interest – Councilmember Kitchens stated he just received information regarding the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Small Cell Siting. He stated the National League of Cities is reviewing potential implications but the FCC said it would not preempt state regulations.
4. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD – A REQUEST TO APPEAR CARD MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE CITY SECRETARY TO BE RECOGNIZED.**

No one spoke.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

**APPROVED** this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

**ATTEST:**



Rita L. Frick, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Henry Wilson, Mayor