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THE CITY OF LOMETA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL
100 E SAN SABA ST, LOMETA TX 76853
512-752-3331

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING Thursday, September 30, 2021 7 P.M.

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THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED, OR ACTED UPON ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Stephen Brister Hicks was absent from the meeting due to family emergency. Mayor pro tem Marsha Laughlin called the meeting to order at 7:14pm
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor pro tem Marsha Laughlin led council and guest in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.
- III. **INVOCATION:** Chief Cantu led council and guest in prayer.
- IV. **ROLL CALL:**

1. Mayor, Stephen Brister Hicks	ABSENT
2. Councilmember, Doug Brister	PRESENT
3. Councilmember, James Dickison	PRESENT
4. Councilmember, Marsha Laughlin	PRESENT
5. Councilmember, Ronnie Cartwright	PRESENT
6. Councilmember, Johnny Towerton	PRESENT

- V. **OPEN FORUM:** *No one spoke.*

Citizens are welcome to speak about any subject matter, even if it is not on the agenda, for up to three (3) minutes during open forum. ***If you need more time, please contact the City Secretary in advance.*** Please keep in mind that council action cannot and will not be taken during open forum. For such an item, the Council may either: (1) make a statement of fact, (2) make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item or (3) propose that the item be placed on a future agenda.

- VI. **BUSINESS:** Note: Agenda items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Public Hearing and take any action necessary on Resolution No. 09302021.** The public hearing was open for citizen comment at 7:17pm. No comment. A motion was made by Ronnie Cartwright to close the public hearing with a second by Johnny Towerton. **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET OCTOBER 1, 2021 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 FOR THE CITY OF LOMETA, TEXAS AND APPROPRIATING THE SEVERAL SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** A motion was made by Ronnie Cartwright with a second by Johnny Towerton to adopt the proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022 by Resolution No. 09302021. Motion passed by 5:1 vote with Brister being in opposition.

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NEW BUSINESS – CONT'D

- 2. Discussion and possible action necessary to ratify the Property Tax Revenue Increase Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.** A motion was made by Ronnie Cartwright with a second by James Dickison to increase the tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.404533 which is effectively a 14.83% percent increase in the tax rate. Motion passed by 5:1 vote with Doug Brister in opposition.

City Secretary Lindsey Grant brought to the City Council and City Attorney's attention that the motion made (for line item 2) was for the wrong line item and needed to be recanted with an appropriate motion made before continuing.

A motion was made by James Dickison with a second by Johnny Towerton to recant the prior motion made to pass the adopted tax rate of \$0.404533. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Johnny Towerton with a second by Ronnie Cartwright to ratify the Property Tax Revenue Increase Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Motion passed by unanimous vote (this is the corrected vote).

- 3. Public Hearing and take any action necessary on Ordinance No. 09302021.** The public hearing was open for citizen comment. No comment. The public hearing was closed with a motion by Doug Brister and a second by Johnny Towerton.

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2021 SETTING SPECIFIC TAX RATES, APPLICABLE TO ALL REAL, PERSONAL, AND MIXED PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF LOMETA CITY LIMITS; SETTING THE DUE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES. A motion was made by Ronnie Cartwright with a second by Johnny Towerton to adopt Ordinance No. 09302021 FY 2021-2022 Tax Rate. Motion passed 5:1 with Doug Brister in opposition.

- 4. Discuss and Consider Action: Employment Matters related to Lometa Police Department Resignations by Officer Cerda and Officer Lazard.** A motion was made by James Dickison with a second by Doug Brister to convene into Executive Session at 7:43pm. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will convene into Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.074 – Personnel

- 5. Discuss and Consider Action: Employment Matters related to Lometa Police Department Resignations by Officer Cerda and Officer Lazard.** A motion was made by James Dickison with a second by Johnny Towerton to go back into Regular Session at 8:40pm. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by James Dickison with a second by Johnny Towerton to accept the resignations of Officer Cerda and Officer Lazard. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Doug Brister with a second by Johnny Towerton to table any further actions related to the above line item until the next meeting on Oct 4, 2021. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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- VII. ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Johnny Towerton and a second by Ronnie Cartwright to adjourn the special called meeting at 8:44pm. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

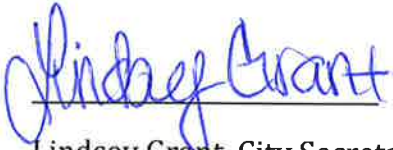
APPROVED:



Mayor Stephen Brister Hicks

Date: October 4, 2021

ATTEST:



Lindsey Grant, City Secretary

Date: October 4, 2021

