

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 — 6:00 P.M.
209 S. WASHINGTON
KAUFMAN, TEXAS 75142**

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

MAYOR	PAULA BACON
MAYOR PRO-TEM	LONNIE BOUNDS
COUNCILMEMBER	GIL ALTOM JR.
COUNCILMEMBER	FLOYD CHOYCE
COUNCILMEMBER	JEFF COUNCIL
COUNCILMEMBER	WILLIAM FORTNER
COUNCILMEMBER	BARRY RATCLIFFE

INVOCATION: Chief of Police James M. Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Bacon called the Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Councilmembers present were Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Altom, Councilmember Choyce, Councilmember Council, Councilmember Fortner and Councilmember Ratcliffe. Mayor Pro-Tem Bounds was absent. Mayor Bacon declared a quorum present. Also present were City Manager Curtis Snow and City Secretary Jo Ann Talbot.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (5 MINUTES) Citizens may address the City Council on any subject but must first complete a Request to Speak Form. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes, but no more than five (5) minutes per individual, and are not transferable. Citizen's comments not to exceed a total of 15 minutes.

No citizen's comments were made.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Conduct the second Public Hearing on a proposed Tax Rate Increase for the City of Kaufman.

Mayor Bacon declared the Public Hearing open at 6:01 p.m.

City Manager Curtis Snow informed the Council that City Manager Curtis Snow informed the Council that the proposed tax rate is \$0.621613 per \$100 of appraised value. Though this is the exact same tax rate as last year, it produces more tax dollars. Last year the tax rate was \$0.621613. The appraised value this year for existing property increased from

\$228,986,004 to \$250,606,010, therefore, the tax rate would decrease to \$0.6075 to raise the same amount of taxes from existing property owners as last year.

Because property values did increase, and because we have \$15,588,560 in new taxable value, the existing tax rate will generate for the City approximately \$134,558 more than last year. This tax rate will have the net effect of increasing the average tax bill by \$21.87.

The justification for maintaining the tax rate at the current rate is to meet the operating demands for increased electricity, fuel costs and compensation increases. Electricity costs in the General Fund increased \$20,000. Fuel cost increased approximately \$5,000 and compensation for employees increased \$75,000. The remainder of the increase has gone to the increased cost of asphalt (\$30,000.)

A \$134,558 increase in revenues to the General Fund.

Staff recommends the Council set this rate at the September 18 Council meeting to support necessary operations.

There being no one to speak at the Public Hearing Mayor Bacon closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER.

City Manager Curtis Snow gave the Council a status report on Dallas Crown Packing and the Mayor gave the new Councilmembers a past history of Dallas Crown Packing with the City of Kaufman.

REQUEST/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

No comments were made by Members of the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, Councilmember Council moved and seconded by Councilmember Fortner to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. The Mayor called for a vote with all voting AYE, the motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Bounds was absent.

PAULA BACON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO ANN TALBOT, CITY SECRETARY