



## BROOKS TOWN SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Council Member Scott Israel led the Invocation, and Mayor Langford let the Pledge and called the meeting to order.

Mayor: Daniel Langford

Council Member present: Ted Britt  
Kay Brumbelow  
Brian Davis  
Scott Israel  
Todd Speer

The proposed Agenda for Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, was emailed to the Mayor and Council Members for review before tonight's meeting. Council Member Scott Israel made a Motion to approve the Agenda; Council Member Todd Speer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, all in favor.

Mayor Langford stated that this evening was the third reading of the proposed millage rate, which was set at 1.64 mills and constituted an 83.04% increase. It was decided in the previous meeting to table the approval and come back this evening to see if the Town could sharpen their pencil. Mayor Langford stated he is aware of a proposal that has been placed before the Council that is budget neutral, and it reduces the millage rate from 1.64 mills to 1.207 mills. It still reflects an increase from 1.0 mills to 1.207 mills, which the 1.207 mills is at a 34.71% increase instead of an 83.4% increase based on the 1.64 mills. Mayor Langford asked if there were any other proposals to discuss. Council Member Brian Davis thanked Mayor Langford for putting the proposal together and asked if the initial sales tax projection was \$127,755 and where did that number come from? L. Spohr replied that it is a conservative estimate, which is vs. last year's actual. M. Ungaro replied that it was a conservation estimate. Council Member Brian Davis suggested going more conservative than \$150k due to the economy. Council Member Todd Speer asked if we were not to reach the \$150k, where would the funds come from? L. Spohr responded from the Fund Balance. Council Member Kay Brumbelow asked for the Fund Balance amount, and L. Spohr replied approximately \$280K.

Mayor Langford reviewed the proposed changes for income revenue, proposing income for Sales Tax \$150k vs. \$127,755 on the FY23 Budget, proposing income for TAVT at \$55k vs. \$49k on the FY23 Budget, and proposing income from Property Taxes at \$56,250 vs. \$68,060 on the FY23 Budget, proposing Rental income at \$33k vs. \$30,036 on the FY23 Budget, and for expenditures increase the personnel costs by \$1,204 and increase repairs and maintenance by \$9,822. All the amounts proposed are under the actual amounts from last year but more than what was presented in the FY23 Budget.

Council Member Brian Davis said he would feel more comfortable if we came off the \$150k for sales tax and do 95% of that amount. Mayor Langford reminded that if the revenue falls short, the shortage will come from Fund Balance or cut expenses. Todd Speer doesn't have a problem leaving

it at \$150k; everything is a projection. Council Member Scott Israel said that Council Member Brian Davis has a good point, and everyone agrees that it would be best if the Fund Balance is not used. Council Member Brian Davis is good with everything else and would feel better if the Sales Tax could reduce the amount by \$7,500. Kay Brumbelow asked if we would cut costs; Mayor Langford recommends doing so in Repairs and Maintenance and in Product & Liability. Mayor Langford said if we cut Sales Tax revenue by \$7,500, per Council Member Brian Davis's suggestion, and reduce Product & Liability by \$3k and Repairs and Maintenance by \$4,500, there would not be a need to change the millage rate from 1.207.

Mayor asked if the staff was comfortable with the changes, staff replied yes, that the millage rate would be 1.207. Mayor Langford asked L. Spohr to make the adjustments/amendments to the FY23 budget so it can be voted on at the next council meeting.

Mayor Langford asked if there were any comments from the public.

Kristie King stated she was supportive of the 1.64 millage rate. Kristie also reminded everyone that you couldn't sell your house for \$500k and then think you will only pay tax on \$300k.

Council Member Ted Britt stated that this gives the Town room to increase it again at a later date, and the original amount was too extreme, and with this rate of 1.207, we have room to adjust in the future.

Mayor Langford asked if there were any other comments. With no further comments, Council Member Todd Speer made a Motion to go forward with the proposed 1.207 millage rate as discussed, this evening, Council Member Scott Israel seconded the motion, all in favor, unanimous.

Mayor Langford stated that concluded the Special Session and adjourned at 6:52 p.m. for the Executive Session. Mayor Langford closed the Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business to discuss this evening, Council Member Ted Britt offered a Motion to adjourn; Todd Speer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lorey Spohr  
Town Clerk