

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING 6:00 P.M./COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 P.M.

HELD AT CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Donnie McMannes, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tempore Merle Aaron
Councilman Bill Conner
Councilman Andy Curry
Councilman Allen Lee
Councilman Allan Steagall
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Sue Daniel

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin
Finance Director Dixie Kellum
Chief Gary Warman
Civic Center Director Johnnie Scroggins
Officer Frank Saye
Betty Hogan

VISITORS PRESENT:

Joel Franks
Juanita Steagall
Suzanne West
Roycelyn Bastian
Judy Dekan

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Donnie McMannes at 6:00 p.m. with all council members present.

City Manager Darrell Boeske read the notice for the public hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008 FROM 6:00 P.M. UNTIL 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED IN CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS.

THIS IS THE FIRST REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUES FROM PROPERTIES ON THE TAX ROLL IN THE PRECEDING TAX YEAR BY 1.94 PERCENT WITH A PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.20.

Mayor McMannes then asked if any one had any comments on the proposed tax rate of \$0.20 per hundred dollar evaluation. No one appeared to address the mayor and councilmembers regarding the tax increase.

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor McMannes closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting.

1. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 11, 2008, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008 AND SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Minutes of the council meeting held September 11, 19 and 25, 2008 were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilman Allen Lee moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 19 and 25 as printed and circulated.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement for the month of September was presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilman Andy Curry moved to accept the financial statement for information.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

4. CURRENT INVOICES

Invoices were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval of payment.

Accounts Payable:

General Fund	\$ 435,133.70
W/S Operating Fund	30,179.21
Special Revenue Fund	4,801.34
Red Light Camera Fund	75.00
C.O., Series 2005A	17,070.41
C.O., Series 2005B	3,054.37
C.O., Series 2006	3,371.26
C.O., Series 1996	1,620.00
Total	<u>\$ 495,305.29</u>

Councilman Lee moved to pay the invoices.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

5. CITY OF HUMBLE ORDINANCE NO. 09-661 AMENDING CHAPTER 40 TAXATION OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 40-06 HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION TO PERSONS 65 OR OVER - GRANTED; EXCEPTION AND AMENDING SECTION 40-08 TAX EXEMPTION ON RESIDENCE HOMESTEADS OF PERSONS UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY TO THE EXEMPTION GRANTED BY HARRIS COUNTY; AND FURNISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager Darrell Boeske presented Ordinance No. 09-661 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-661

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 40, TAXATION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 40-06, HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION TO PERSONS 65 OR OVER - GRANTED; EXCEPTION, AND AMENDING SECTION 40-08, TAX EXEMPTION ON RESIDENCE HOMESTEADS OF PERSONS UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY, TO THE EXEMPTION LIMIT GRANTED BY HARRIS COUNTY; AND FURNISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Chapter 40, Taxation, Section 40-06, Homestead Tax Exemption to Persons 65 or Over - Granted; exception, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 40-6. Homestead tax exemption to persons 65 or over - Granted; exception.

Persons who have attained the age of 65 years or older on or before January 1 of any year, shall be granted a homestead tax exemption to be an amount equal to the homestead tax exemption granted by Harris County; provided, however, that where the ad valorem tax has heretofore been pledged for the payment of any debt, the taxing officers of the city shall have authority to continue to levy and collect the tax against the homestead property at the same rate as the tax so pledged until the debt is discharged, if the cessation of the levy would impair the obligation of the contract by which the debt was created.

Section 2. Chapter 40, Taxation, Section 40-08, Tax exemption on residence homesteads of persons under social security disability, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 40-08. Tax exemption on residence homesteads of persons under social security disability.

Persons holding a disability status under the United States social security laws shall be granted a homestead tax exemption as follows:

(1) For persons having been declared disabled according to social security laws and regulations, who hold documentary proof thereof from the federal department of health, education and welfare, an exemption in an amount equal to the homestead tax exemption granted by Harris County is hereby granted.

(2) Applicants for the exemption must apply for the exemption each year between January 1 and April 30, and must produce documentary proof of such disability dated not over six months prior to date of application.

(3) Applicants must produce documentary proof that the property for which exemption is sought is the residence homestead of the applicant, consisting of a copy of applicant's recorded deed and an affidavit testifying to residence such as will satisfy the requirements of the homestead law of the state.

Section 3. That these amendments to Chapter 40 Taxation shall take effect immediately and be in full force upon and after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 2008.

Councilman Merle Aaron moved to approve Ordinance No. 09-661.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

**6. REQUEST FOR BIKE RIDE PERMIT - HUMBLE LIONS CLUB, FEBRUARY 21, 2009
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

City Manager Boeske presented a request from the Humble Lions Club to hold their annual bike ride on February 21, 2009. Mayor McMannes moved to approve the Lions Club Bike Ride.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

**7. REQUEST TO PURCHASE THREE PATROL UNITS (GENERAL FUND) AND FIVE
PATROL UNITS (RED LIGHT CAMERA FUNDS) FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AS AUTHORIZED IN THE 2008-2009 BUDGET**

City Manager Boeske presented a request by the police department to purchase eight vehicles - three from the general fund and five from the red light camera funds - as approved in the new budget. Councilman Allan Steagall moved to authorize the police department to purchase the eight vehicles.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: TML UPDATE

Mayor McMannes stated the correspondence was for information only.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transpire, Mayor McMannes moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned. 6:34 p.m.

D. G. McMannes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Daniel, City Secretary