

**MINUTES OF
BULLARD CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
August 29, 2019**

A Called Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullard, Texas, was held Thursday, August 29, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Bullard City Hall, 114 South Phillips, Bullard, Texas, with the following present:

**Mayor: Pam Frederick
Mayor Pro Tem: Bryan Willis
Councilmember: Mark Anderson
Councilmember: Ralph Britt
Councilmember: Shirley Coe
Councilmember: David Rhodes**

**City Engineer: Brian Capps
Finance Director: Sonja Richey
Utility Director: David Hortman
Communication Manager: Lexie Hudson
City Secretary: Doris Crockett**

Meeting Order: Call to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; Pledge to Flag

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: NONE

ITEM 1: FIRST PUBLIC HEARING – 2019 PROPOSED TAX RATE

Mayor Frederick declared the first Public Hearing open to consider the 2019 proposed property tax rate. The proposed tax rate is \$.605347 (\$.303845 for M&O and \$.301502 for I&S) per \$100 valuation.

Mr. Joe Pulsifer, 107 Pecan Valley Drive, Bullard, inquired about the new tax rate and how much revenue is from new property. The budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$146,483.00 or 9.51%, and of that amount \$114,292.84 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Mayor Frederick declared the Public Hearing closed and announced that a second Public Hearing would be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. and the Council will set the tax rate at its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

**ITEM 2 – PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING, SUBDIVISION AND BUILDING CODES –
INTERIM ORDINANCES RECOGNIZING RECENT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
AND CITY'S COMPLIANCE**

The **Public Hearing** was open to consider adoption of Interim Ordinances to comply with recently passed Legislation affecting Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance and Building Codes that become effective September 1, 2019.

Since the 86th Legislature did not leave time for a full review of our Ordinances before the effective date of September 1, 2019, these proposed Ordinances recognize the pre-emption of H.B. 2439 (aesthetic building materials/products requirements – overlay district), H.B. 2497 (Zoning Board of Adjustment rules and appellate procedures), and H.B. 3167 (plats and plans procedures 30-day review) over any existing City of Bullard ordinance provisions that might have a conflict with these House Bills. The City will at a future date need to amend Ordinances in conflict with these Bills.

The Planning and Zoning Commission on August 26, 2019, held a Public Hearing to discuss these laws and recommended to the City Council adoption of the Interim Ordinances as presented.

The Public Hearing was closed.

On motion by Councilmember Coe, seconded by Councilmember Anderson and carried unanimously, the following captioned Interim Ordinances were adopted to comply with recently adopted H.B. 2439, H.B. 2497, and H.B. 3167:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-0829-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BULLARD, TEXAS, ENACTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE AND BUILDING CODE REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NEW STATE LAWS AFFECTING MATERIALS USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, RULES AND PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS; PROVIDING RELATED DIRECTIVES TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING A CONFLICT/SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-0829-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BULLARD, TEXAS SUSPENDING APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE CITY'S SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, AS IT NOW EXISTS OR AS IT MAY BE AMENDED, THAT CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF HB 3167 PASSED BY THE 86TH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT ON JUNE 14, 2019; DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO PROCESS ALL PLANS AND PLATS AS DEFINED IN HB 3167 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF HB 3167; PROVIDING FOR A CONFLICT/SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ITEM 3 – SOUTHSIDE BANK - DEPOSITORY CONTRACT EXTENDED

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Willis, seconded by Councilmember Rhodes and carried unanimously, Council exercised the option for a 2-year extension to the City's Depository Contract with Southside Bank, as set out in contract executed October 1, 2016, for a period beginning October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2021.

**ITEM 4 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS –
FILING POSITION OF CITY MANAGER**

Mayor Frederick announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. in accordance with Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act under Section 551.074 (a)(1) regarding Personnel Matters to discuss the employment agreement for the position of City Manager as negotiated by the Mayor.

**ITEM 5 – RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – MOTION REGARDING
HIRING NEW CITY MANAGER**

Mayor Frederick announced that the Executive Session had concluded and Council reconvened in Open Session at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Frederick announced that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Willis, seconded by Councilmember Rhodes and carried unanimously, Council authorized entering into an employment contract with David Hortman as City Manager at an annual salary of \$85,000; auto allowance of \$750 per month; paid premiums for health, hospitalization, vision, dental and comprehensive medical insurance for the City Manager, his spouse, and dependents; and authorized David Hortman to hire his replacement as Utility Director before he assumes the position of City Manager on October 1, 2019.

Utility Director David Hortman expressed to Council his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Bullard's City Manager and was ready to begin and looked forward to getting started.

ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Commissioner Coe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Willis and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

PAM FREDERICK, MAYOR

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DORIS CROCKETT, CITY SECRETARY