

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DENTON
TOWN OF DOUBLE OAK

The Double Oak Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. August 21, 2017 at the Double Oak Town Hall, located at 320 Waketon Road with the following members present to-wit:

Mike Donnelly	Mayor
Andrew Wills	Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem
Anita Nelson	Council Member
Stacie Stoechner	Council Member
Scott Whisenhunt	Council Member

Council Member Gruenloh was absent. Also in attendance were Police Chief Derrick Watson, Director of Public Works Charlie Wright and Administrative Clerk Lynn Jones.

Mayor Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Wills gave the invocation.

Council Member Whisenhunt led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2017

Council member Wills made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Stoechner seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYE: Whisenhunt, Wills and Stoechner

NAY: None

ABSTENTIONS: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No citizen signed up to speak.

IV. MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

2. Mayor and Council

- Council member Wills stated that he had spoken to the Cub Scouts in Lantana. They were very interested in government and what local elected officials do to govern their town. He had an excellent time talking to them they had great questions. They asked how much I

get paid to be a council member, I told them that I don't get paid and that is why it is even more important because it is a volunteer position.

3. Public Works and Code Enforcement

- Charlie Wright stated that with Code Enforcement there were some brush piles, tree branches and shrubs around Town. He has been gathering quotes for tree trimming.
- We have been getting quotes going into the new budget year for painting the building and grounds maintenance.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Gruenloh is waiting on a couple of quotes from me for something that would treat Kings Road in some bad spots to get us through to a future project down the road for Kings.
- We did receive the check for Simmons Road lien releases, \$50,000 in fines set by the Building Standards Commission for 221 Simmons Road, the house was demolished and also \$2,000 in labor liens that had been placed on the property over the last four or five years for cutting the grass, cleaning the pool and removing trash. It was \$52,899.80 that was paid, all of the liens were released There were 5 liens on the property.
- David Andrews who owns Century Custom Homes tried to buy the lot, he gave them a cash offer of exactly what they were asking and lost. It has been sold for over asking price.

4. Administration

No report was given.

5. Public Safety

Acting Fire Chief Scott Whisenhunt stated that Captain Kathy Heimerdinger would do a report on the Double Oak Volunteer Fire Department later in the meeting.

- Chief Watson said that after the arrest of Anthony Minor there have been no burglaries of sheds, houses or cars.
- A young man of 22 years of age was arrested for Public Intoxication that also could be Criminal Trespass. We do not believe he is involved with any car burglaries he was just intoxicated and passed out behind somebody's house.
- Chief Watson stated that he will also be releasing another name of a young man that was arrested with possession of a stolen firearm, We do not think he has been involved in any of the burglaries. Someone hired a house sitter and the house sitter decided to host a party and brought in a bunch of people one of which stole a firearm.
- There are more burglars out there. Our officers were involved in a foot pursuit with burglars this weekend in Argyle Texas whom requested assistance on a search for a burglar trying to break in a house.

6. Road and Drainage Committee

No report was given.

7. Year-to-Date financial Report

The report was provided in the agenda packet back-up material.

V. NEW BUSINESS AGENDA (CONSIDERATION AND ACTION):

8. DISCUSSION ON 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND ALL RELATED MATTERS

Mayor Donnelly went through the 2017-2018 proposed budget by line item.

*During the presentation Captain Kathy Heimerdinger came in and gave an update on the Double Oak Volunteer Fire Department.

- The 4th of July picnic was a great success this year exact financials are not available yet.
- For the fiscal year the Fire Department has gone on 99 calls, 54 percent have been medical and 46 percent have been fire with 2 being major structure fires in the Double Oak area.
- Budget work for the 2018 fiscal year is underway it should be finalized tonight or by the end of September.
- Preliminary workshops show that the Fire Department is in excellent financial standing at this time and will not require any increase from the Town.
- Solicitation bids for the 2018 ambulance service for the Town are being requested

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR MAXIMUM AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Council member Wills made the motion to set the maximum tax rate at .2324.00 which is identical to the same maximum tax rate we had in 2016. It will result in an increase in taxes for the Town because of increased property values. Council member Nelson seconded the motion.

AYE: Whisenhunt, Nelson, Wills and Stoeher

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE 2017-2018 BUDGET AND AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Council member Wills made the motion to set the tax rate first public hearing on Tuesday September 5 and the second one on Monday September 18 in a regular Council meeting and a Special Called meeting on Monday September 25 for the final budget and tax rate. Council member Nelson seconded the motion.

AYE: Whisenhunt, Nelson, Wills and Stoeher

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON SETTING THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE VOTE ON THE BUDGET AND THE TAX RATE

Council member Wills made the motion to set a Special Called meeting on Monday September 25 to adopt the final budget and tax rate for the Town of Double Oak with alternate dates of Tuesday September 26, Wednesday September 27, Thursday September 28 and Friday September 29, 2017. Council member Whisenhunt seconded the motion.

AYE: Whisenhunt, Nelson, Wills and Stoeher

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dave Nelson stated that someone that might be reading the minutes of these past proceedings, several times it has been said that we are setting a tax rate of a maximum ad valorem tax at 0.2324 that results in an increase in taxes, maybe we should say increases in tax revenue to the Town because no ones taxes are going up rate wise. The tax rate is the same on my house but the revenue is increased because valuations have risen.

13. COUNCIL – STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

Chief Watson thanked everyone for their deliberations on the budget.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Wills made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Whisenhunt seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Administrative Clerk

Mayor