



Town Council
Work Session and Regular Meeting
Minutes – August 13, 2019

The Work Session and Regular Meeting of the Town Council was held on **August 13, 2019** at 5:30 p.m. at the Argyle Town Hall. This was an OPEN MEETING, open to the public, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas and, as required by law, was duly posted, at Argyle Town Hall, giving notice of time, date, place, and agenda thereof.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Donald Moser called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Donald Moser	Mayor	Present	
Cynthia Hermann	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 4	Absent	
Alex Vukasin	Council Member, Place 1	Present	
Ronald Schmidt	Council Member, Place 2	Absent	
Jon Donahue	Council Member, Place 3	Present	
Marla Hawkesworth	Council Member, Place 5	Present	
Kristi Gilbert	Town Manager		
Nicole Corr	Town Attorney		

B. WORK SESSION

The pre-meeting work session is designed as an opportunity for the Town Council to discuss pending items. No action will be taken during the work session portion of the meeting.

1. Discussion regarding Over 65 Tax Freeze and Tax Exemptions.

Town Manager Kristi Gilbert presented options for over 65 tax relief at the request of the Mayor. Ms. Gilbert stated the homestead tax ceiling option freezes the amount a person pays for taxes in the year they qualify for the age 65 or older exemption. Ms. Gilbert reminded Council the choice to allow a tax ceiling for the age 65 or older homestead exemption is permanent and cannot be removed at a later date. Council was given another option in lieu of a tax ceiling that is a means to alleviate the tax burden on elderly and disabled residents, which would be to increase the age 65 or older homestead exemption from the current \$40,000 amount in increments of \$10,000.

2. Discuss proposed total ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020 of \$0.3975 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation, FY 19 Re-Estimated Budget and FY 20 Proposed Budget.

Ms. Gilbert and Kim Collins, Finance Director presented the Council with information regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 proposed budget and ad valorem tax rate. Council was informed the certified values for Argyle have increased to \$744,754,193 which is a 10.48% increase over FY 19. Staff recommended Council maintain the current ad valorem tax rate of 0.3975 cents per \$100 valuation. Council was further informed the sales tax revenue prediction is a slight increase over FY 19 from \$564,450 to \$630,080.

Ms. Gilbert went over accomplishments achieved throughout FY 19 which included the issuance of \$2.75 million in bonds going towards the street improvement project. The project is slated to begin this month and will be done in two phases. The Town's bond rating increased to AA+ which is the best a city of our size can achieve and is a great accomplishment.

The proposed fiscal year 2020 budget will maintain the current budget and allow for other projects such as Town wide street repairs, police department vehicle maintenance, public works truck replacement, a 2.5% market adjustment for employees, transition two part-time employees to full-time positions (Police Department Administrative Assistant and Marketing Technician which is funded partially by the Economic Development Corporation), add a full-time Facility Technician in public works, agenda management software, relocate history room items to the public corridor, install security glass in the lobby patron windows, and purchase public works asset management and work order software. The FY 20 proposed budget of \$10,193,084 will allocate revenue in various funds consisting of \$4,414,207 in the General Fund, \$1,317,281 in the Enterprise Fund, \$758,049 in the Special Revenue Fund, \$796,547 for Debt Services, and \$2,907,000 for Capital Improvement Funds. Ms. Gilbert went over the five year plan with Council that shows the projected staffing level and capital expenditures.

3. Discussion regarding any regular session items.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA – 6:15 PM

(or immediately following the 5:30 pm Work Session)

C. CALL REGULAR SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Moser called the Regular Session to order at 7:06 p.m.

D. INVOCATION

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

American Flag

Texas Flag: ***“Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible”***

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Town Council and Staff Presentations / Reports
 - a. Development Project Updates
 - b. FY19 3rd Quarter Financial Report

G. OPEN FORUM:

The opportunity for citizens to address the Town Council on any non-agenda item (limit 5 minutes per person); however, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Town Council from discussing issues which the public has not been given seventy-two (72) hour notice. Issues raised may be referred to Town Staff for research and possible future action.

Gwende Wilmot, 175 Pecan Acres, addressed Council regarding boards meeting and not posting notices. She would like more information on the Town's website regarding the Tree Board Committee and who the members are.

Joann Delashaw, 242 Harrioty Lane, addressed Council regarding the Over 65 Tax Freeze discussion and public facilities.

Rick Bradford, 451 Meandering Creek, addressed Council regarding the Over 65 Tax Freeze discussion and public facilities.

Paul Kula, 603 Old Justin Road, addressed Council regarding the Over 65 Tax Freeze discussion and public facilities.

H. CONSENT AGENDA:

Any Council Member may request an item on the Consent Agenda to be taken up for individual consideration.

1. Consider approval of the June 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as recorded.
2. Consider approval of the July 2, 2019 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes as recorded.
3. Consider approval of a resolution proposing the adoption of a total ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020 of \$0.3975 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation subject to all public hearing requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code (Fiscal Year 2020 total ad valorem tax rate - \$.03975). *(Resolution No. 2019-13)*
4. Consider approval of resolutions approving Interlocal Cooperation Agreements (ILA) with Denton County for Tax and Assessment Collections:
 - a. A resolution between the Town and Denton County for tax collections. *(Resolution No. 2019-14)*
 - b. A resolution between the Town and Denton County for Assessment Collections for The Highlands Public Improvement District and Waterbrook of Argyle Public Improvement District. *(Resolution No. 2019-15)*
5. Consider approval of an ordinance to update the Waterbrook of Argyle Public Improvement District Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Roll for 2019. *(Ordinance No. 2019-18)*

6. Consider approval of a resolution appointing members to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board. (*Resolution No. 2019-16*)
7. Consider approval of an ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Argyle. (*Ordinance No. 2019-19*)

ACTION: Item H.1. to H.7.

APPROVED

Councilmember Hawkesworth moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilmember Donahue seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 3-0.

I. NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Consider taking action on formally naming the park facility located north of Argyle Intermediate School.

Ms. Gilbert advised Council had asked staff to seek input from the community on suggestions for a name of the park facility located near the Argyle Intermediate School. Staff utilized social media to seek input and provide names for the community to vote on. The results of the community poll was the name of Argyle Community Park. However, during the course of the polling, Argyle Youth Sports Association notified Staff they had previously purchased scoreboards with the name Unity Park embedded in the sign. Ms. Gilbert recommended to Council to move forward with the name of Unity Park due to the signs already being purchased or allow for the ballfields to be named Unity Park. Councilmember Donahue suggested Staff reach out to AYSA to determine what the cost would be to change the scoreboard signs to the name chosen by the community.

ACTION: Item I.1.

APPROVED

Councilmember Donahue moved to table the item until the August 27, 2019 regular council meeting. Councilmember Vukasin seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 3-0.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:32 p.m. the Town Council adjourned into executive session PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D:

1. Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek the advice of the Town Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071
 - a. Liability for storm water drainage.
2. Adjourn into Open Meeting at 7:50 p.m.
3. Consider action on executive session items. No action taken.

K. RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA (*discussion under this item must be limited to whether or not the Council wishes to include a potential agenda item on a future agenda*)

None.

L. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Moser adjourned the regular session at 7:51 p.m.


Donald Moser, Mayor


Erika McComis, Town Secretary

