



**Town Council
Special Meeting
Minutes – September 16, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the Town Council was held on September 16, 2019 at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

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

SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA – 6:00 PM

B. OPEN FORUM:

The opportunity for citizens to address the Town Council on any matter of public business or any posted 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.

Paul Walker, 605 Valley View Court, addressed Council regarding the paint color of the Meadows Building being in violation of the special exception approved.

Joan Delashaw, 242 Herriott Lane, addressed Council regarding members attending TML training and her support of such training.

Jackie Thomas, 411 Forest Trail, addressed Council regarding a violation of the Public Information Act.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider approval of an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2019-22 by increasing the established \$80,000 ad valorem tax exemption for disabled persons and persons age 65 or older.

ACTION: Item C.1.**APPROVED**

Councilmember Schmidt moved to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2019-22 by increasing the established \$80,000 ad valorem tax exemption for disabled persons and persons age 65 or older to \$100,000. Councilmember Vukasin seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5-0. (*Ordinance Number 2019-23*)

2. Discussion on the proposed FY 2019-2020 Annual Budget for the Town of Argyle, Texas.

Ms. Gilbert went over a brief presentation with Council on changes made to the budget up to present date in order to accommodate the increased tax exemption. Mayor Pro Tem Hermann stated she would like to postpone hiring the Public Works Facility Maintenance employee until after the Strategic Plan is completed. Councilmember Schmidt asked for funds to be earmarked for road improvement projects and facility repairs in the future. Ms. Gilbert advised the Town would look at a facility needs study to be conducted upon the completion of the strategic plan and would bring that information back to council for future discussions.

ACTION: Item C.2.**NO ACTION TAKEN****D. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:53 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 legal advice from the Town Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071 concerning complaints and/or proceedings by and between Town council under Article 1.06 Code of Ethics, Town of Argyle Code of Ordinances.
2. Adjourn into Open Meeting at 7:26 p.m.
3. Consider action on executive session items.

Motion made by Councilmember Hawkesworth to direct the Town Attorney to conduct an investigation on an apparent violation of the Code involving a staff employee pursuant to Section 1.06.006 of the Ethics code and seconded by Councilmember Donahue. For: Councilmember Hawkesworth and Councilmember Donahue. Against: Mayor Pro Tem Hermann, Councilmember Vukasin. Abstained:

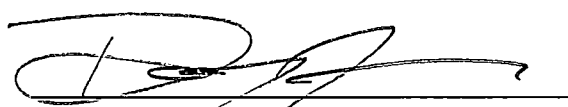
Councilmember Schmidt. Tie breaker vote: Mayor Moser, against. The motion failed 3-2.

E. 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)*

Councilmember Donahue requested to discuss the annual tree lighting event held in December at a future meeting.

F. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Moser adjourned the regular session at 7:28 p.m.


Donald Moser, Mayor


Erika McComis, Town Secretary

