

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Councilmember Willis arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Present 7 - Mayor Neal Linnartz, Councilmember Andres Campos, Councilmember Christopher Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Harry Bowers, Councilmember Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, and Councilmember April Ryan

INVOCATION: COUNCILMEMBER SPRADLEY

Councilmember Spradley provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Linnartz led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Texas Flag.

1. WORKSHOP

A) Public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the City of New Braunfels for tax year 2023 and announce the meeting date and time of adoption.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented this item providing a PowerPoint and addressed questions from Council.

Mayor Linnartz read the meeting date and time of adoption of this ordinance.

B) Public hearing on the FY 2024 Operating Budget and Plan of Municipal Services.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

No further remarks were made.

Mayor Linnartz read the meeting date and time of adoption of this

ordinance.

- C) Discuss and consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance adopting the FY 2024 Operating Budget and Plan of Municipal Services.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented this item with a brief overview of the item and addressed questions from council.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowers made a specific motion - "I move to adopt the FY 2024 Operating Budget and Plan of Municipal Services including the Budget Order and attachments included in that order." Councilmember Campos seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Willis

- D) Discuss and consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2023 ad valorem tax rates.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented this item with a brief overview of the item and addressed questions from council.

Councilmember Willis arrived at 6:25 p.m. and participated in this vote only.

Councilmember Spradley made a specific motion - " I move that the property tax rate for tax year 2023 be increased by the adoption of a total ad valorem property tax rate of .408936 per \$100 of assessed taxable valuation, which is effectively an 8.6% increase in the tax rate, with .208936 for debt service and .200000 cents for operations and maintenance." Mayor Pro Tem Bowers seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Ch. 551, the City Council may convene in a closed session to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda. Any final action or vote on any executive session item will be taken in open session.

3. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Linnartz adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY