



**MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL
FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007**

The special meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on Friday, September 28, 2007 at 6:00 p. m. in the Council Chambers at 911 Winscott Road with the following Council members present:

Jerry Dittrich
Keith Bailey
Ron Sauma
Dan Tully
Larry Stowe

Also Present:

Andy Wayman, City Manager
Joanna King, City Secretary
David Ragsdale, Comptroller
Sherri Newhouse, Budget Director

Others Present:

Valarie Stowe

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p. m. by Mayor Dittrich.

A. GENERAL

G-1735 Adopt Ordinance approving budget figures for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Motion by Mr. Sauma, seconded by Mr. Stowe to adopt Ordinance No. 1248 approving budget figures for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Bailey, Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Tully, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1248 being “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS, APPROVING BUDGET FIGURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 THROUGH 2008; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT, AND ACCOUNT; ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE EMPLOYEE CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**”

G-1736 Ratify property tax revenue reflected in the 2007-2008 budget

Mr. Wayman gave the following report: H. B. 3195 brings truth-in-taxation disclosure concepts forward in time into the budget process. Any budget to be enacted after September 1, 2007 must meet the following requirement regarding property tax revenue: “Adoption of a budget that raises more property revenue than was generated the previous year requires two votes by the City Council: (a) one vote to adopt the budget and (b) a separate vote to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget.”

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year’s budget by \$427,277 and 5.09%, and of that amount \$173,083 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year.

Motion by Mr. Sauma, seconded by Mr. Stowe to ratify the property tax revenue reflected in the 2007-2008 budget which represents a \$0250 reduction in the tax rate.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mayor Dittrich, Mr. Tully, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Bailey

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

G-1737 Adopt Ordinance fixing and levying ad valorem tax for 2007

Motion by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Tully to adopt Ordinance No. 1249 fixing and levying ad valorem tax for 2007.

Vote on the Motion: Mr. Tully, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Sauma, Mr. Bailey, Mayor Dittrich

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1249 being “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS, FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007**”

AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED, AT THE RATE OF \$0.6975 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUE ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS, AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007, TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND TO PROVIDE AN INTEREST IN DEBT SERVICE FUNDS ON ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS OF THE CITY; DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR PLACE OF PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE TAX ROLLS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Joanna King, City Secretary

Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor