

Minutes of First Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Increase held August 31, 2015

Public hearing on the proposed 2015 Tax Rate increase was held on August 31, 2015 with the following: Mayor Mark Bowen, Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ruble Farmer, Ward Sanders, Sam Cortez, Kevin Keith; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Police Chief Richard Priest; Police Captain Frank Reyes; Library Director Cassandra Cortez.

Visitors: Derek Evans, Ernie Kroeger, Butch Shoemaker, and Linda Shoemaker.

Mayor Bowen opened the public hearing on the proposed tax increase at 6:36 p.m.

City Secretary/Tax Collector Josie Campa gave a power point presentation on the proposed tax increase for 2015.

Mayor Bowen told everyone the city is lucky that with what was accomplished over the past year and to have such a low tax rate.

Alderman Keith said that there is added cost in having to maintain the newly renovated city park.

Butch Shoemaker asked Council about the purpose for the new entrance to the park and the Mayor and Council members explained ADA regulations have to be met, and additional parking is being added and this will be closer for the kids using the tennis courts.

Mrs. Shoemaker said she was disappointed with the playground equipment and asked about swings. The City Secretary told everyone that swings will be installed soon.

Mayor Bowen told everyone the park should be completed by the third week of September.

Mayor Bowen reminded Council that the second public hearing on the tax rate increase would be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Public hearing was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.