

Minutes of Public Hearing held September 5, 2017

Public hearing with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ruben Gonzalez, Sam Cortez; Alderwoman Jamie Dahler; City Secretary Josie Campa; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Public Works Director James McGrath; Library Director Cassandra Cortez; Police Captain Frank Reyes. Alderman Farmer was absent.

Visitors: Butch Shoemaker, Bryan Short, Daniel Medina, and Gabriel Romero.

Mayor Bowen opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced the hearing was for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2017 tax rate. He said this hearing is the first of two required by law, since the city is proposing a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate. The Mayor then turned the meeting over to the City Secretary.

City Secretary/Tax Collector Josie Campa reviewed the public notices that were published two weeks ago. She explained the different tax rates to everyone in attendance.

Ms. Campa also gave examples of what the taxes would be for homes with values of \$100,000.00, \$150,000.00, \$200,000.00 and \$250,000.00 if the tax rate was the effective rate (\$0.3586); the current tax rate (\$0.3725) and the proposed tax rate (\$0.39).

The City Secretary then showed what the tax rates are in the surrounding area, which showed Lytle has the lowest rate. She said that Lytle's proposed rate is about eleven and one-half cents lower than Castroville.

Several questions were asked and answered at this hearing.

Mayor Bowen told everyone that Lytle will continue to see commercial growth. He thanked everyone for being present and asking questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.