

Minutes of Public Hearing held September 9, 2019

Public hearing with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Alderman Jerry Stone, Laura Reyna, Sam Cortez, Ruben Gonzalez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Animal Control Director Santiago Morantez; Fire Marshal Matt Dear; Police Captain Frank Reyes; Code Compliance Officer Scott Traeger; Library Director Cassandra Cortez; City Attorney Tom Cate. Alderman Ruble Farmer was absent.

Visitors: Christopher Cox, J.J. Villarreal, Brad Boyd, Nan Boyd, Annie Villarreal, Sam Parks, Butch Shoemaker, Christopher Bowen, Polly Gonzalez, Larry Sanders, Lucas Martinez, Kristi Ann Brown, Steven Santana.

Mayor Bowen opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. and announced the reasons for the hearing was to discuss the 2019-2020 budget and the proposed tax rate.

Butch Shoemaker asked Council why taxes need to be increased. The City Secretary gave Mr. Shoemaker a copy of the proposed budget and read some of the added expenses aloud.

Since there were no more questions and comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.