

**City of Post Oak Bend  
Minutes  
September 10, 2019  
City Council Meeting**

1. Mayor Pro Tem Alison Novak called the Tuesday, September 10, 2019 regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Council Members Joey Wages, Ronnie Sherrard, Mike Parker and Dr. Stephen McMahon. Not present: Mayor Hank Warden. Also present: City Secretary Barbara Bedrick.
2. The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags were recited.
3. Consider and Act to approve August 13, 2019 Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting  
September 3, 2019 Minutes – Budget Workshop

Mayor Pro Tem Novak asked council if they had reviewed the minutes or had comments.

Motion to approve Minutes of the August 13, 2019 City Council Meeting and the September 3, 2019 Budget Workshop: Council Member Wages Second: Council Member Dr. McMahon In Favor: All Opposed: None

Motion to approve Minutes of August 13, 2019 Council Meeting and September 3, 2019 Budget Workshop: Passed

4. Consider and Act to approve August 2019 Financial Report - Dr. Stephen McMahon / City Secretary Barbara Bedrick  
Mayor Pro Tem Novak stated council had received financials to review prior to meeting. City Secretary Bedrick presented the City's August Financials with \$2,889 expended in August, and a \$4,500 expenditure deposited with Kaufman County for County Road 279 pothole repairs. August expenses were led by Bureau Veritas plan reviews, inspections, and contractors. City Secretary Bedrick said August 2019 income received included \$1,805 in sales tax income and \$701 in permit fees.  
Motion to approve the August 2019 Financial Report: Council Member Parker Second: Council Member Wages  
In Favor: All Opposed: None  
Motion to approve the August 2019 Financial Report: Passed

5. City Secretary Report  
City Secretary Barbara Bedrick updated council on city issues. Upcoming September public hearings are posted online on city's website home page, on the public notice and news page, and on the agenda page. She also reported fielding calls from citizens on the proposed tax rate, on CR 281 road issue, severe pothole problems on CR 277, and communication with Kaufman County on its requirement to return a signed tax collection contract, and other related requests.

6. Citizen Comments  
Ed Domaracki spoke saying he was against the proposed tax, asked about exemptions and asked Council to pay attention to the residents. Glenda McMahan agreed with Domaracki, and presented the city a de-annexation petition. Resident Jeff Armine said he moved here to get away from taxes, and he doesn't expect roads to be perfect. He said he was fine with retired Mayor Raymond Bedrick's tractor and pothole repair efforts. Mayor Pro Tem Novak thanked the citizens for their comments.

7. Consider and Act to approve amending Ordinance 32 Building Codes to update from 2008 National Electric Code, the 2009 International Building Code, the 2009 International Residential Code, 2009 International Plumbing Code, 2009 International Mechanical Code, and other related codes.  
Mayor Pro Tem Novak stated City Secretary Bedrick had searched websites of municipalities in Kaufman County and other area cities to compare building codes. Novak said most of these municipalities had adopted the 2015 or newer International Residential and related codes. Barbara handed out the comparison sheet based on website resources. She reported that the City of Forney and Rockwall adopted the 2015 codes, and the City of Heath adopted 2015 codes effective 2017. City Secretary Bedrick stated the North Central Texas Council of Governments updates codes annually, and recommends its cities do the same. She added that Bureau Veritas recommends that the City adopt the 2018 International Building Codes. Council Member Parker said the City of Crandall did not update its codes while he was on the council, and it was probably an oversight. Mayor Pro Tem Novak asked how long has the City of Post Oak Bend had its current code? Barbara replied the City Council approved a new building code ordinance in 2014, and adopted the 2009 International Building codes, and the 2008 National Electric Code. Those codes were five years old at the time.  
Council Member Sherrard said he would like to table the building codes vote so he could check with his inspectors he relies on in his construction business, as well as the Texas Builders Association.

Motion to table a vote on the amendment to Ordinance 32 - Building Codes: Council Member Sherrard Second: Council Member Parker In Favor: All Opposed: None

8. Consider and Act to Approve date and time for Hearing on proposed 2019-2020 Budget  
Mayor Pro Tem Novak verified the proposed date of September 25<sup>th</sup>, with City Secretary Bedrick. Bedrick said it was a Wednesday with a 7:00 p.m. start. Council Member Sherrard asked if it could be on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>, but Bedrick said the Budget Hearing Notice was already posted in the Kaufman Herald for the date Mayor Hank Warden requested, and because Texas Local Government Code requires it be posted a minimum 15 days prior to the Budget Hearings.  
Motion to approve Wednesday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. for the FY 2019-2020 Budget Hearing: Council Member Wages Second: Council Member Dr. McMahon In Favor: All Opposed: None  
Motion to approve the date for the FY 2019-2020 Budget Public Hearing as Wednesday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m.: Passed

9. Consider and Act on Citizen Mailer on Proposed Tax Rate  
Joey Wages  
Mayor Pro Tem Novak asked Council Member Wages to address this agenda item. Council Member Wages said he thought it was important to send out notices to citizens of the upcoming proposed Tax Rate Public Hearings because not everyone gets the newspaper or accesses the Internet. City Secretary said she had property owner addresses from tax appraisal district that could be used. Time will be needed to get postcards printed, stamped and addressed to 300-plus addresses. Council Member Parker how much it would cost, and whether the City had budget funds available. City Secretary Bedrick replied some funds in the miscellaneous category could cover most of the postal expenses, estimated total around \$200. Council discussed a 7:00 p.m. time.  
Motion to prepare and mail postcards to every resident with dates and times for the City's Tax Rate Public Hearings on Friday, September 20, and Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.: Council Member Wages Second by: Council Member Sherrard In Favor: All Opposed: 0  
Motion to mail postcards to every City of Post Oak Bend resident (property owner)\* that the City's Tax Rate Public Hearings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2019 and at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2019: Passed

10. Consider and Act to Approve date and time for Tax Rate Public Hearings

Mayor Pro Tem Novak said Council needs to approve the dates proposed by Mayor Hank Warden for tax rate public hearings.

Motion to approve 7 p.m. Friday, September 20, 2019 and Monday, September 23, 2019 for tax rate public hearings: Council Member Wages 2<sup>nd</sup>: Council Member Sherrard In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Motion: Passed (*Note: Sept. 20, 2019 hearing was rescheduled to 6 p.m. Sept. 26, 2019*)

11. Consider and Act to approve City of Post Oak Bend Contract with Kaufman County Tax Assessor to mail and collect assessed taxes

Mayor Pro Tem Novak asked Council to consider approving a city/county contract. City Secretary Bedrick provided copies of the contract for review. Bedrick said the contract is a standard contract the County uses with other cities like ours, and basically lays out the County’s responsibility as a City’s Collection officer. She said the cost to the City is stated as \$1.50 a parcel. Once taxes are paid the County will deposit them electronically into City bank accounts. Although it seems unusual for a city to approved a contract for the Kaufman County Tax Assessor’s office before adopting a tax rate, City Secretary Bedrick said the county required it be returned by now. Mayor Pro Tem Novak added this is only to have an agreement in place, and if the council votes against the tax, the contract would not be used.

Motion to approve City of Post Oak Bend contract with Kaufman County Tax Assessor Collector for property tax collection: Council Member Parker Second: Council Member Sherrard In Favor: Parker, Sherrard, McMahon, Opposed: Council Member Wages

Motion to Approve City of Post Oak Bend contract with Kaufman County Tax Assessor for property tax collection: Passed

12. Consider Agenda Items for next regular council meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Novak asked if there were any items to be added to the next regular meeting. Building Codes were mentioned.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Council Member Parker Second: Council Member Sherrard The Tuesday, September 10, 2019 regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Bedrick, City Secretary  
City of Post Oak Bend

Hank Warden, Mayor  
City of Post Oak Bend