

THE CITY OF WOODBRANCH VILLAGE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2019

The City of Woodbranch Village council met in a special meeting, and workshop, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2019, in the City Hall Building at 58A Woodbranch Drive, New Caney, Texas, 77357. The special meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call showed as being present Councilman Scott Essmeier, Councilman Larry Beard, Mayor Vera Craig, Councilman Brent Purser and Councilman Clay Dean. Councilman Mark Kroll and City Attorney Leonard Schneider were not in attendance. City Secretary Charlotte Smith was present to take the minutes of the meeting. Mayor Vera Craig led the meeting with a prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL MEETING (7:00 P.M.)

#5. Consider and discuss the Mayor's recommendation to adopt the rollback rate (\$.2207/\$100 M&O and \$0.00/\$100 Debt), take record vote on proposed tax rate and call public hearing on the proposed 2019-2020 Annual Budget for August 22, 2019 (Vera Craig, Mayor)

The motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation to adopt the rollback rate, of \$.2207/\$100 M&O and \$0.00/\$100 Debt was made by Councilman Larry Beard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott Essmeier, motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take possible action on the regular cleaning of the city hall and police department offices (Councilman Clay Dean)

No action was taken on this item.

#7. Items of Community Interest – (Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be discussed or taken.)

No announcements were made.

#8. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074 – To discuss personnel matters – to discuss the duties of the police department and consider Chief of Police applicant- Andre Singleton

Council went into closed session at 7:16 p.m.

(A) – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline and or dismissal of a public officer or employee

#9. Reconvene and take possible action

Council reconvened into open session at 7:17 p.m. The motion to accept the letter of resignation from Officer Johnny Whisenant, and not accept his offer of Reserve Officer status, was made by Councilman Clay Dean. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brent Purser, motion carried.

#10. OPEN WORKSHOP (7:15 P.M.)

The workshop was opened at 7:17 p.m.

#11. Consideration and discussion of the proposed 2019-2020 Budget

The budget was read aloud and discussion took place regarding personal time off in lieu of pay increases for city employees not under probation. Employees under probation will be eligible at the end of the probation period.

#12. Close Workshop

The workshop was closed at 7:45 p.m.

#13. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting, and open the workshop at 7:46 p.m., was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Beard, motion carried.

