



STATE OF TEXAS §

September 12, 2017

COUNTY OF FANNIN §

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas was begun and held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on September 12, 2017.**

*Members Present:* Steven Bolin - Mayor  
David Norman – Place 1  
Jane Blackerby – Place 2

Bob Pannkuk – Place 3  
Leonard Phillips – Pro Tem  
Dion Pontius – Place 5

*Staff Present:* Jim Cox - City Administrator  
Terry McCalpin, Public Works  
Pam Winkler - Utility Clerk

Beth Woodson - Secretary  
Brian Meserole – Chief of Police

**Public Hearing  
2017-2018 Proposed Budget**

The City Council for the City of Leonard, Texas will hold one public hearing on the 2017-2018 Fiscal Budget of the City of Leonard, Texas on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 111 W. Collin, Leonard, Texas. The meeting will be held for the purpose of receiving community input on the Budget, which will cover the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

*"This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$5,080.21, which is a .90% percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$287.52."*

- a. Citizens Comments  
**No Comments**
- b. Council Comments  
**No Comments**
- c. Close Public Hearing  
**Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 5:32**

## AGENDA REGULAR SESSION

1. Invocation  
**The invocation was led by Joe Guest.**
2. Pledge to the United State and Texas Flag  
**Mayor Bolin and Leonard High School Cheerleaders led the council in the pledge to the United States and Texas Flag.**
3. Call to Order  
**Mayor Bolin called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with a quorum of five councilmembers.**
4. Proof of Posting of Notice of Meeting – City Secretary  
**Mayor Bolin noted the proof of posting of meeting by City Secretary.**
5. Verification of Quorum  
**Mayor Bolin noted the quorum of five councilmembers.**
6. Citizens Forum: *(State law prohibits the City Council from considering or deliberations on any item not listed on the posted City Council agenda. A person may address the Council on items not on the printed agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. The Council may not comment or deliberated regarding such statements or comments during this period. Any discussion of the subjects must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. Sec. 551.042 of Open Meeting Act).*
7. Approval of Minutes of the Workshop Meeting and Regular Meeting on August 8, 2017, Special Meetings on August 17, 2017 and Special Meeting with Workshop on August 22, 2017 and Special Meeting with Public Hearing and Workshop on August 29, 2017 and September 5, 2017.  
**Jane Blackerby made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on August 8, 2017, Special Meetings on August 17, 2017 and Special Meeting with Workshop on August 22, 2017 and Special Meeting with Public Hearing and Workshop on August 29, 2017 and September 5, 2017. Bob Pannkuk seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**
8. Consider and approve Ordinance 091217 Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.  
**Jane Blackerby made the motion to approve Ordinance 091217 Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Leonard Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**
9. Consider and approve Ordinance 091217A ratify property tax revenue increase for 2017.  
**Leonard Phillips made the motion to approve Ordinance 091217A ratify property tax revenue increase for 2017. Jane Blackerby seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**
10. Consider and approve Ordinance 091217B levying a tax rate for the tax rate year of 2017.  
**Bob Pannkuk made the motion to approve Ordinance 091217B levying a tax rate for the tax rate year of 2017. Dion Pontius seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**
11. Consider and approve Leonard Community Development Corporation annual budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.  
**Jane Blackerby made the motion to approve Leonard Community Development Corporation annual budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Dion Pontius seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**
12. Consider and act on date for Fall City-wide Clean Up.  
**Bob Pannkuk made the motion to set the date for the Fall City-wide Clean Up at October**

**19 and 20, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. David Norman seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-1, Dion Pontius opposed.**

13. Consider and act on Dangerous and Substandard Building Demolition 306 West Travis Street. **Leonard Phillips made the motion to proceed with the demolition at 306 West Travis Street. Dion Pontius seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**
14. Consider and act on the adoption of Ordinance 091217C Burning within City Limits. **Bob Pannkuk made the motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 091217C Burning within City Limits. Leonard Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**
15. Consider and approve appointments to the Leonard Community Development Corporation (4B)
- a.) Appointment with term to expire 9/30/2018
  - b.) Appointment with term to expire 9/30/2019
  - c.) Billy Grimes with term to expire 9/30/2019
  - d.) Rodger Alexander - Term to expire 9/30/2019
  - e.) Bob Pannkuk – Term to expire 9/30/2019

**Jane Blackerby made the motion to approve the appointment of Tyler McCarley to the Leonard Community Development Corporation (4B) with a term to expire 9/30/2018. David Norman seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**Jane Blackerby made the motion to approve the appointment of Jeremy Nolen to the Leonard Community Development Corporation (4B) with a term to expire 9/30/2019. David Norman seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**Jane Blackerby made the motion to re-appoint Billy Grimes, Rodger Alexander and Bob Pannkuk to the Leonard Community Development Corporation (4B) with terms expiring 9/30/2019. David Norman seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**

16. Consider and act on Warrant Loan from First United Bank in amount of \$649,000.00. **David Norman made the motion to table any action until Tuesday, September 19, 2017 with desire to better educate, communicate and to obtain input from citizens with a Public Hearing prior to the action item of action on Warrant Loan from First United Bank in amount of \$649,000.00. Dion Pontius seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-1. Jane Blackerby opposed.**

17. Council and City Administrator Comments Relating to Items of Public Interest: Announcements Regarding Local or Regional Civic and Charitable Events, Staff Recognition, Commendation of Citizens, Traffic Issues, Upcoming Meetings, Informational Update on City Projects, Awards, Acknowledgement of Meeting Attendees, Birthdays, Request of the City Administrator for items to be placed on Upcoming Agendas and Condolences.

*Councilmember Norman stated that his suggestion of the Public Forum was to educate the public on why we needed a debt service, consider other options. To consider the needs of a community center or other options and layout a plan.*

*Councilmember Phillips stated, "we are not raising taxes to do this".*

*City Administrator Cox stated for information purposes, the amount of the bond is limited on the amount the city can repay on the bond. If the city has to get a million-dollar bond then the city would have to raise the water and sewer rates. To replace all the streets would take a 20-million-dollar bond and the city cannot float a bond like that. Each city is under constraints with their ability to repay the bond. You have to understand the information. This council has had workshop after workshop, you should have known something was going on. It's up to the Council, we are doing our best, we know we have a street problem.*

*Councilmember Bob Pannkuk stated if we could use the \$400,000.00 for streets, it might fix 4 or 5 streets.*

*Councilmember Phillips stated that the city is not broke, thanks to Jim Cox. City Administrator Cox stated that the collapse on Locust street was being repaired, the culvert had been set in and the backfill was in process. The cost of the culvert was \$2050.00.*

*He also updated the Council that Public Works had purchased two D-watering boxes for assistance in the drying beds at the Wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$34,000.00 which was paid for out of this year's budget.*

**18. Adjournment**

**Bob Pannkuk made the motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. David Norman seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**ATTEST BY:**

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Beth Woodson, City Secretary

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Steven Bolin, Mayor