

MINUTES OF THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING
A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a truth in taxation hearing of the Independence City Council was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 6:00 p.m.

Johnson explained this is a Public Hearing for the City's 2019 Budget.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Betts, Spencer, Grotting, and McCoy
ABSENT: None
STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Administrative Assistant Horner, Steve McDonald (ABDO)
VISITORS: Andrew Brummer

3. TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

McDonald outlined the final budget. He said 2018 has some minor changes that would affect the 2019 budget include PERA changes. The proposed tax levy increase is 3.63% overall. There are several bond levy's and the certified bond levy for the Pioneer Sarah Creek watershed. McDonald said the targeted tax rate is 40%. The average home price is 409k which represents a 1.18% increase in the tax levy. Overall there is over 3 million dollars in the general fund. Johnson noted the City was budgeting for Public Works equipment instead of taking a bond or borrowing for it.

4. ADJOURNMENT

One person was in attendance whose interest was his properties valuation, however because the meeting was televised, Council thought it was important to do the budget valuation for that audience.

Motion made by Grotting, seconded by McCoy, to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. Ayes: Betts, Johnson, Spencer, Grotting and McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Bemmels, Recording Secretary