



**CITY of McLENDON-CHISHOLM
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 25, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

Public Hearing

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Donegan called the Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas to order at 6:30 p.m.

City Council Present:	Mike Donegan	Mayor
	Steve Hatfield	Mayor Pro Tem
	Jack Pullen	Council Member
	Patrick Short	Council Member
	Gary Moody	Council Member
	Jess Lovell	Council Member

Staff Present:	Dave Butler	City Administrator
	Deborah Sorensen	City Secretary

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Hatfield gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

A Public Hearing of the City Council to receive comments and take appropriate action regarding consideration of the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

- a. Open Public Hearing – Mayor Mike Donegan opened the Public Hearing
- b. Consider comments from staff - none
- c. Receive comments from public

Beverly Stibbens asked City Council how do they propose to maintain the roads with only \$6,000 in the budget and over \$18,000 was spent last year and the roads still need more work. Jess Lovell responded that they are trying to be fiscally responsible for the next year, the implementation of tax and setting the pace for years to come. There is a built in emergency fund that will be set aside that are for items not budgeted for. There are two developers that will do update League Road and Klutts Road, however, Pullen Road is left out.

Chuck Samples stated he was concerned if the initial tax rate is bare bones and anticipate within the next 3-5 years we will see an increase in people moving in, is the proposed tax rate going to give the flexibility to meet the requirements of the city without having to come back and raise the tax each year. There is only an 8% cap which is nothing. He would rather see us start higher than see it reduced rather than reverse.

Tom Richmond is very pleased with being able to limit the tax to 9.75 tax rate, it was only suppose to bail the City out. As the town grows revenues will grow. He has never seen a tax rate go down.

- d. Close Public Hearing – Mayor Mike Donegan closed the Public Hearing.
- e. Adjourn Public Hearing - Steve Hatfield made a motion to adjourn motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Jess Lovell seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.** The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Workshop

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Donegan called the Workshop of the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas to order at 6:42 p.m.

2. WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

2a. Discussion and consideration of approval of the Proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 - Jack Pullen explained that City Council tried to stay within the parameters of what the citizen committee came up with. This can take care of our needs for next 3-5 years.

Steve Hatfield added in regards to road maintenance, we are very well aware of condition the road is in, we are trying to be frugal, have not heard any demands for increase of services, asking for parks system, they want to maintain the life style and this budget will do that.

Gary Moody stated he has been monitoring when Sonoma Verde development will start, the sewer is suppose to start spring/summer of next year. They have to have it done by 2011, when the school is suppose to come. Sonoma Verde is the developer that will correct League Road. Klutts Road is also suppose to be covered under an agreement with a developer.

Jess Lovell stated they have made an investment in a software program to assist the City Administrator in getting grants and hopefully will be able to get some grants for road repairs.

Patrick Short stated he has asked the same question, referring to the tax rate, always a concern that whatever the budget is, will there be sufficient revenue from taxes, reality is the best we can plan and do, and we don't know what the future holds. He has some reservation that there will not be enough money if it is needed. Regarding the roads, there is not enough money to repair the roads, City Council feels that we are trying to climb one bridge at a time, and right now it is keeping the city.

Mike Donegan stated City Council has been very productive and a lot of time spent in evaluation and concerning the needs to the city. They have tried to find other alternatives other than taxing. He applauds City Council on the work they have done to achieve the balance.

2b. Discussion and consideration of the decision of the Executive Director regarding Neal & FM 548-1076 (Mann 1100), LLP TPDES Permit No. WQ0014858001 - Mike Donegan stated Kaufman County is not going to contest the application. The City Engineer is ok with the permit application and the water attorney is also ok with it, unless we want to spend a lot of money contesting it. Gary Moody stated that he is concerned about how much water/sewage would be dropped into Brushy Creek, he would hate to see a rainy season. He's glad he doesn't live by it. Jess Lovell is concerned that the soil will get saturated and has a potential to effect more than just Brushy Creek. Steve Hatfield stated that if the City Engineer and water attorney are ok with the application then he sees no reason to contest it.

3c. City Administrator Report – Dave Butler gave an update on code violations, he has been in touch with owner of property building without a permit and he is getting permits done. There was a misunderstanding of procedures on his part. A lot of signs are being posted and they have been taken down. Dave and Debbie attended the Legislative Update Seminar last Thursday and Friday in Irving, it was a very good program. Weekend prior, he attended the small cities clinic in McKinney.

4. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

5. ADJOURN WORKSHOP

Steve Hatfield made a motion to adjourn the workshop. Patrick Short seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.** The workshop was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Donegan called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas to order at 7:29 p.m.

2. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and consideration of approval of the Proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

No action taken

- b. Discussion and consideration of the decision of the Executive Director regarding Neal & FM 548-1076 (Mann 1100), LLP TPDES Permit No. WQ0014858001

No action taken

- c. Discussion and consideration of approval of the financial report for the month of July

Steve Hatfield made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of July. Gary Moody seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

- d. City Administrator Report

No action taken

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION


- a. Pursuant to §551.071(1)(a) of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to consult with attorney to receive legal advice regarding contemplated litigation.

4. RECOVERE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

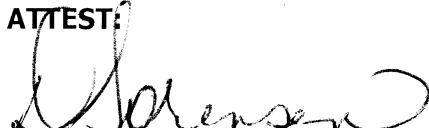
5. ADJOURN

Patrick Short made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Hatfield seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.



Mike Donegan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, City Secretary

