MINUTES OF MORGAN CITY
COUNCIL ELECTRONIC MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020; 6:02 PM

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:
Mayor Ray W. Little, Tony London, Jeff Wardell, Eric Turner, Jeffery Richins, and Dave Alexander

STAFF PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:
Ty Bailey, City Manager; Gary Crane, City Attorney; and Denise Woods

This meeting was held electronically in accordance with Executive Order 2020-1; Suspending the Enforcement of the Provisions of Utah Code 52-4-202 and 52-4-207 by Governor Gary Herbert on March 18, 2020, due to Infectious Disease, Coronavirus (COVID-19).

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Ray W. Little.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Turner.

The opening ceremony was presented by Councilmember Alexander.

ACTIVE AGENDA

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor asked if any requests to make comments had been received. Denise Woods, City Recorder, stated no requests to join the electronic meeting had been received.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. RESOLUTION 20-19 – PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE 2020 TAX RATE AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE BUDGET AMOUNT FOR MORGAN CITY

MOTION: Councilmember London moved to open the public hearing.

SECOND: Councilmember Turner

Discussion on the Motion: None

Vote was 5 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to open the public hearing to discuss the proposed increase to the 2020 tax rate and property tax revenue budget amount for Morgan City.

Ty Bailey, City Manager, explained the process for increasing property tax rates. At the end of June, the City had the option to adopt the certified tax rate or propose a different rate. He said based on the budget and trying to stay revenue neutral the certified tax rate came in lower than anticipated. After looking at several options, the Council made the decision to hold the same rate as 2019, which was .001544, and it would be considered a property tax increase and required a truth in taxation public hearing. This would keep the tax revenue collected closer to what was collected in 2019. He explained it was less than a 2% increase.
Mayor explained each year the certified tax rate came in lower to stay revenue neutral. He said last year’s rate was .001544 and that was the rate the City was proposing for this year’s tax rate. He stated his tax statement showed an increase of $2.53 if the City adopted the proposed rate of .001544.

Public Comments: None.

MOTION: Councilmember London moved to close the public hearing.
SECOND: Councilmember Wardell

Discussion on the Motion: None

Vote was 5 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to close the public hearing regarding the proposed increase to the 2020 tax rates and property tax revenue budget amount.

RESOLUTION 20-19 – PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE 2020 TAX RATE AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE BUDGET AMOUNT FOR MORGAN CITY

Discussion regarding the language in the resolution regarding the revenue amount. The language came from state statute.

MOTION: Councilmember London moved to adopt and approve Resolution 20-19 – A resolution adopting and approving the proposed increase to the 2020 tax rate and property tax revenue budget amount for Morgan City.
SECOND: Councilmember Richins

Discussion on the Motion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Jeffery Richins – aye
Jeff Wardell – aye
Tony London – aye
Eric Turner – aye
Dave Alexander - nay

Vote was 4 ayes and 1 Nay; Motion passed to adopt Resolution 20-19 adopting and approving the proposed increase to the 2020 tax rate and property tax revenue budget amount for Morgan City.

B. RESOLUTION 20-18 – ADOPTION OF 2020 – 2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS

MOTION: Councilmember Turner moved to open the public hearing.
SECOND: Councilmember Wardell

Discussion on the Motion: None

Vote was 5 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to open the public hearing to discuss the adoption of the 2020 – 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets.
Mayor explained this was the same budget presented to the Council and discussed at length during the meeting on June 23, 2020. No changes had been made to the budget, but it couldn’t be adopted until after the truth in taxation public hearing to increase the 2020 tax rate.

Public Comments: None.

MOTION: Councilmember London moved to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Councilmember Wardell

Discussion on the Motion: None

Vote was 5 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to close the public hearing regarding the adoption of the 2020 – 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets.

RESOLUTION 20-18 – ADOPTION OF 2020 – 2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS

MOTION: Councilmember Alexander moved to adopt Resolution 20-18 – A resolution adopting and approving the 2020 – 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets.

SECOND: Councilmember London

Discussion on the Motion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Jeffery Richins – aye
Jeff Wardell – aye
Tony London – aye
Eric Turner – aye
Dave Alexander - aye

Vote was 5 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 20-18 adopting the 2020 – 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Denise Woods, City Recorder

These minutes were approved at the August 25, 2020 meeting.