



## STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday December 10, 2019

1. Call to Order Time:6:00pm
2. New Business
  - A. Utility Tax Increase

City Treasurer Jamison Horner was explaining that the city could increase the Utility tax rate by 3% across the board and this would help the General Fund with about \$37,000 in the coming year. It would add about \$4.78 to each bill per person but it spreads this cost over time.

B. Water Rate Increase Due to Well No. 7

We also talked about the raising of the water rates to help with our Well No. 7 project to cover the money that is still missing. Jamison also explained that we have not had any kind of increase in over 2 years. She also stated that as a rule of thumb you must increase these costs periodically so as not to hit the residents with big changes. City Engineer Jamin Ankney was explaining that 63% of the funding is already coming from grant but there is still some money that the city would need to take out on a loan; this money will have to come from somewhere. There was some question about the problems that we had with Well No. 6 and rather or not this potentially recurring on Well No.7. Jamin explained that this Well is a completely different type of Well then Well No. 6. He explained that this is one of the main reasons for the water rights purchase and should hopefully avoid many of these problems.

There was more discussion but ultimately it was decided that the Utility Tax Rate Increase would be brought back to the next council meeting but the Water Rate Increase will wait for a later time.

3. Adjournment: Time:6:24pm

X

Joshua Roberson  
Deputy City Clerk

X

Laura Vazquez  
Mayor