

## MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

August 27, 2019

## MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sara Countryman declared a super-majority quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Sara Countryman Mayor  
Jon Bickford City Council Place # 1  
John Champagne, Jr. City Council Place # 2  
T.J. Wilkerson City Council Place # 3  
Rebecca Huss City Council Place # 4

Absent: Tom Cronin City Council Place #5

Also Present: Richard Tramm City Administrator  
Susan Hensley City Secretary  
Larry Foerster City Attorney

### PUBLIC HEARING:

#### Convene into Public Hearing:

1. Open forum that allows each citizen present to address the governing body to express their concerns on the proposed tax increase. (Limit of 3 minutes)

#### Public Hearing No. 1 of 2.

Mayor Countryman convened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Mr. Richard Tramm read into the record that the City has the proposed tax rate of \$.4000/per \$100, which is the same tax rate as last year. Mr. Tramm advised this will allow \$.1888 for debt service and \$.2112 for maintenance and operations. Mr. Tramm advised the information in the notices that the City is required to publish, that tax rate will raise property tax revenue by approximately \$73,000 over last year, with over \$62,000 of that will be from new property that has been added to the City's tax roll. Mr. Tramm said approximately \$10,800 is from

interest valuation and the property values increasing. Mr. Tramm said the City Council is not proposing to increase water and sewer rates for the coming year, they are going to keep them level. Mr. Tramm said the proposed sales tax revenue for the coming year is projected to be over \$320,000 increase of the previous year's budget for projected income. Mr. Tramm said there is a significant amount of money coming in through sales tax that was not foreseen in the budget a year ago, which shows good growth in the economy. Mr. Tramm said the increase in sales tax revenue allows the City to keep its property taxes lower. Mr. Tramm said with the increased revenues, the City's budget is proposing to work to increase City services. Mr. Tramm said there are a couple of new positions that are being phased in over the year, one in Public Works and two in the Police Department. Mr. Tramm said each of those departments will also get a new vehicle, which will make both departments more responsive to the public and allow them to be more visible to the public when needed.

Mr. Tramm stated over \$175,000 has been allocated for streets and roads, and over \$300,000 to long term capital projects preventative maintenance work. Mr. Tramm said the City is also setting aside funds for additional long-term capital projects and savings.

### **Adjourn Public Hearing**

Mayor Countryman adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

2. Announcement of the date, time and place that City Council will conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing.

Mayor Countryman announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tax Rate Public Hearing would take place on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Countryman adjourned the Public Hearing Meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Hensley  
Susan Hensley, City Secretary

Date Approved:

09/10/19



Sara Countryman  
Mayor Sara Countryman