

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DENTON
TOWN OF DOUBLE OAK

The Double Oak Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. September 20, 2021, at the Double Oak Town Hall, located at 320 Waketon Road with the following members present to-wit:

Von Beougher	Mayor
Billie Garrett	Mayor Pro-Tem
Anita Nelson	Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem
Scott Whisenhunt	Council Member
Joe Dent	Council Member
Casey Parsons	Council Member

Also in attendance were Town Secretary Eileen Kennedy, Police Chief Ruben Rivas, and Assistant Town Secretary Lynn Jones.

Mayor Beougher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Whisenhunt gave the invocation and Council Member Parsons lead the pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

II. Citizen Comments

None

III. New business agenda (consideration and action):

1. **Public Hearing** on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022

Mayor Beougher opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

The following citizens spoke on the proposed 2021-2022 budget:

Curtis Glover	170 Double Oaks Dr.
David Graham	411 Simmons Road
Jonathan Pulaski	175 Double Oaks Drive
Rachelle Loconte	321 Oakview Drive
Jill Glover	170 Double Oaks Drive
Larry Shaw	5005 Lusk Lane
Bill Izor	107 W. Carruth Lane
Janet Robertson	135 N. Woodland Trail
Connie Schoenrade	203 Colonial Court
Marilyn Janke	145 S. Forest Lane
Russell Fisher	760 Simmons Road
Phyllis Meyerson	130 East View Court

Mayor Beougher closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Mayor Beougher received some emails regarding the proposed budget and tax rate and asked for them to be entered into the minutes. *

2. Discussion, consideration, and action on an ordinance adopting the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

Motion Nelson, second Dent to approve the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

AYE: Dent, Nelson
NAY: Garrett, Parsons, Whisenhunt
ABSTAIN: None

Motion Failed 3-2

Treasurer Billie Garrett projected the proposed budget for the council and audience. Line items of concern were discussed and after much discussion, motion Whisenhunt, second Dent to adopt the revised budget.

AYE: Parsons, Garrett, Dent, Whisenhunt
NAY: Nelson
ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carried 4-1

3. Discussion, consideration, and action on ratification of the vote on the fiscal year 2021-2022 annual budget which results in more revenues from ad valorem taxes than the previous year.

Motion Whisenhunt, second Nelson to ratify the fiscal year 2021-2022 annual budget which results in more revenues from ad valorem taxes than the previous year.

AYE: Dent, Whisenhunt, Nelson, Garrett, Parsons
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carried

4. **Public Hearing** on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year and to consider a tax rate of \$0.229210 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Mayor Beougher opened the Public Hearing at 9:34 p.m.
Mayor Beougher closed the Public Hearing at 9:35 p.m.

* copy attached and made a part of these minutes

5. Discussion, consideration, and action on an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes at the tax rate of \$0.229210 per \$100 for tax year 2021-2022.

Motion Whisenhunt, second Dent that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.220000 which is effectively a 4.5653% increase in the tax rate.

AYE: Whisenhunt, Garrett, Parsons, Dent
NAY: Nelson
ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carried 4-1

At this time, Mayor Beougher called a brief recess at 9:37 p.m.
Mayor Beougher reconvened the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

6. Discussion, consideration, and action on an ordinance designating an official newspaper of record for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Motion Garrett, Nelson second to approve an ordinance designating the Denton Record Chronicle as the official newspaper of record for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

AYE: Nelson, Dent, Whisenhunt, Garrett, Parsons
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carried

7. Discussion, consideration, and action on authorizing the town treasurer and staff to make year-end budget amendments.

Motion Dent, Parsons second to authorize the town treasurer and staff to make year-end budget amendments.

AYE: Garrett, Nelson, Parsons, Whisenhunt, Dent
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carried

8. Discussion, consideration, and action on appointments to Board of Adjustment.

Motion Whisenhunt, Dent second to reappoint Jeff Hardgrave to a full member of the Board of Adjustment and reappoint Jeff Graves and Dirk Meilinger as alternates.

AYE: Parsons, Whisenhunt, Dent, Nelson, Garrett
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carried

9. Discussion, consideration, and action on appointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission

Motion Whisenhunt, Nelson second to reappoint Georgette Cook, Gary Goodman, Andrew Weaver, Bonnie Morrow, and Kristin Harris to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Bonnie Morrow and Kristin Harris will move from the alternate position to a full member.

AYE: Whisenhunt, Dent, Garrett, Parsons, Nelson
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carried

- IV. Consent Agenda - All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Information concerning consent agenda items is available for public review.

Council member Dent asked that items 10 and 11 be voted on separately.

10. Consideration, and action on minutes of September 7, 2021.

Motion Garrett, Parsons second to approve the minutes of September 7, 2021, as presented.

AYE: Nelson, Garrett, Parsons
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Whisenhunt, Dent

Motion Carried

11. Consideration on fiscal year 2021-2022 contract with Cox Cleaning for cleaning services at Town Hall.

Motion Whisenhunt, second Nelson to approve the fiscal year 2021-2022 contract with Cox Cleaning for cleaning services at Town Hall.

AYE: Dent, Whisenhunt, Nelson, Parsons, Garrett
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carried

IV. Mayor, Council Members and Staff reports:

12. Mayor and Council – Council member Dent asked the Mayor to inform Double Oak residents in his monthly newspaper column of the E-Alerts they can subscribe to on our website.

13. Public Works - Code Enforcement – Animal Control – Animal Control reports in the agenda packet.

14. Administration – None

15. Public Safety – DOVFD, none; DOPD, National Night out October 5, 2021.

16. Road and Drainage Committee – Mayor Beougher met with Jeff Stephens, Double Oak Concrete, to get a recommendation on the washed-out inlet in Taylor Oaks.

17. Council – staff announcements and comments:

- National Night Out, Tuesday October 5, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

18. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, motion Whisenhunt, Dent second, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Eileen Kennedy

Eileen Kennedy, Town Secretary

Von Beougher

Von Beougher, Mayor

Eileen Kennedy

From: Edward Mehlhaff

Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 4:22 PM

To: Von Beougher; Billie Garrett; Anita Nelson; Casey Parsons; Scott Whisenhunt; Joe Dent

Cc: Connie Schoenrade

Subject: Property Tax Increase

Mayor and Members of the Town of Double Oak Town council:

I am writing in opposition to your proposed property tax increase. The first question that I have is, why do you need such a high increase in the property tax? What are you planning on spending the additional revenue on? The increase in the valuation of property in the town will generate additional revenue. I wrote to Mayor Beougher almost 6 weeks ago asking if the resolution that Mayor Donnelly brought before the previous council had been acted on. I never received even an acknowledgement of my email. The resolution was to freeze property taxes for all town residents over the age of 65. LISD and Denton county have already done this. My second request to the mayor was that you consider raising the homestead exemption for all residents. Again, no response. Flower Mound has done this for their citizens.

The rise in property valuations in Texas has been unrepresented. In effect, all taxing jurisdictions are receiving a windfall on the backs of its residents.

Respectfully,

Edward C Mehlhaff
201 Colonial Ct

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Eileen Kennedy

Subject: RE: Tax increases

From:
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Eileen Kennedy <eileen.kennedy@doubleoak.texas.gov>
Subject: Tax increases

I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow night because I tend to grandchildren in the evenings. But I would like to express that has become increasingly hard, on fixed income, to keep up with tax increases on top of all the other cost of living increases. My fixed income certainly hasn't increased by even 3.5% over the 14 years that I've lived in Double Oak. I certainly don't want to give up my home and my ability to be close to my two nearby families and grandkids.

Has the council ever considered freezing taxes on the elderly as does the county and school district? I would certainly like to recommend that this be considered before property value appraisals shoot up even more.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Respectfully,
Paula Miller
5300 Chinn Chapel Rd

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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Eileen Kennedy

Subject: RE: New budget

-----Original Message-----

From: Dawn Mourning
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:44 PM
To: Eileen Kennedy <eileen.kennedy@doubleoak.texas.gov>
Subject: New budget

I vote no to an additional property tax especially after this horrendous year with Covid. Please. We've had a rough year why make it worse with an added burden of higher taxes Resident for 28 years, the Mourning's

Sent from my iPhone

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Eileen Kennedy

From: Sherri Clifford **Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Eileen Kennedy <eileen.kennedy@doubleoak.texas.gov>
Subject: Proposed Budget

Hi,

I don't get off work until 9 pm, so I am unable to attend the meeting tonight. I just want to say thank you to the mayor and council members for volunteering their time. I am fine with the proposed budget as the tax rate will remain the same as last year. Citizens are upset because they think the tax rate is increasing and it's not. Their taxes may go up due to the value of their homes going up. They don't think we should be giving employees a 9% increase. If we have the money to do it, great. Anywhere you go you see signs saying "Now Hiring". If we don't pay our employees a decent wage, they will go elsewhere. I work for the State of Texas and my salary increase this year will be 0.

2020 Tax rate for Double Oak .22921
2020 Tax rate for Flower Mound .4365
2020 Tax rate for Highland Village .56302

Proud to live in Double Oak,
Sherri Clifford

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