



CITY of McLENDON-CHISHOLM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 25, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moody called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas to order at 6:30 p.m.

City Council Present:	Gary Moody	Mayor
	Steve Hatfield	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Gary Lovell	Council Member
	Jack Pullen	Council Member
	Jerry Klutts	Council Member
City Council Absent:	Patrick Short	Council Member
Staff Present:	David Butler	City Administrator
	Deborah Sorensen	City Secretary
	David Paschall	City Attorney

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

4. REPORT

- a. Receive report from John Polster with ITS regarding right of way along Highway 205.

John Polster, with ITS, stated he is the transportation consultant for Rockwall County. They are close to being done with thoroughfare map. Hwy 205 needs to be 6 lanes divided urban lanes all the way through McLendon-Chisholm. First step is to update the plan then COG adopts it. Hatfield asked when at the earliest we will see improvements. Right now they are doing intersection and signal inspections. Hwy 205 will be on another bond packet and will be probably 2-3 years away. They are working on doing an intersection improvement by identifying funds. Lovell asked what the approximate width of the highway is now. It is approximately 90 feet will be going to 120-135 feet.

Curt Carner 320 Herron Circle - why didn't they extend the left turn lane from Sonoma Verde to Herron Circle? He heard that TxDOT was going to do it in August but nothing is being done. John doesn't know.

Fabio Zichittella 1321 Hwy 205 – Concerned that the road will be too close to his house.

Jerry Packer Dowell Road – is there any consideration to make FM 550 any wider at the intersection of FM 550 and Hwy 205.

Dennie Clark 1851 FM 550 - just put in two bridges on 205, someone should have had the forethought to not build the two lane bridge to start with. It should have been wide enough for 6 lanes. John replied, you spend the money when you have it, it doesn't allow you to plan for the future. Certain dollars are used for safety and maintenance and not for future growth.

5/6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A Public Hearing of the City Council to receive comments regarding consideration of the proposed tax rate of \$0.32 per \$100 valuation for 2015.

A Public Hearing of the City Council to receive comments and take appropriate action regarding consideration of the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

- a. Open Public Hearings – Mayor Moody open the Public Hearings at 6:47 p.m.
- b. Receive comments from public –

Steve Jordan 232 Pheasant Hill – gives his time to Robert Steinhagen

Margaret O'Connor 352 League Road – gives her time to Robert Steinhagen

Roberta Way 240 Klutts – gives her time to Robert Steinhagen

William North 6 Meadow Park – gives his time to Robert Steinhagen

Harry Selman 220 Herron Circle – He has been here for 20 years and he receives no city services. Please reconsider the tax rate.

Beverly Stibbens 279 Partridge Drive – She asked 6 years ago to please make the tax rate high enough and not come back and ask for more. Now you are asking for more. The City Hall should have been on the ballot, it would have probably passed. She would ask that you increase in two steps.

Larry Loggins 1456 W. FM 550 – gives his time to Robert Steinhagen

Alan Ray 3 Granite Ridge – He was against the tax when we had it originally. Once you get a tax and it always goes up. When you start talking about your house bill going up \$100 a month it doesn't seem like much but when then you have the county coming at you and the school district. He wants to add more money to building permits. We don't have the information you have. The operational expenses of \$79,000 doesn't add up.

Roy Rowan 800 E FM 500 – yield his time to Robert Steinhagen.

Robert Steinhagen 304 Partridge - Apologized to City Secretary; he believes that the City Council is men of integrity. He is upset at how the City Council feels that they are representative of the people. We never received anything after the Town Hall Meeting stating how much the project was going to cost you. What is in the letter is factually misleading. The facts are half-truths. The proposed tax rate is 333% not 228%. He takes issue that this is about public safety. Public Safety should have been the first priority not City Hall. Limited Government is limited to them. He went through the timeline read through minutes. He stated that there was a compromise to just buy 3 acres instead of 13 acres. However, when Council Member Lovell and Council Member Pullen were absent from a meeting, they purchased 10 additional acres. It goes back to integrity issue. It is inconsistent with the men he knows they should be. He read more from minutes. He's been told to get on the record, he's been on the record. Encouraged everyone to go to go to his website, www.cfrgmc.org. If there is anything misleading he will change it. He is here to get it right. The reason he objects is because he votes for people that would vote the way he would. All the information is on his website. Be informed and get the facts for yourself.

Sharon Price 2160 W. FM 550 – The only way you are voting for this tax increase is that you are exempt from the taxes. You should fire your financial advisor. She believes everyone gets involved in politics for good reason then that ends. She asked each Council Member is they are going to pay their taxes.

Joanie Larkin 8 Greenhollow – Disappointed in the back stabbing and the she did, he did this or didn't do this etc. She is married to a volunteer firefighter. You can't stop growth, it is coming. She

is hoping that we get more businesses. We are going to get a school. We need to be a community and stop putting neighbor against neighbor.

Curt Carner 320 Herron Circle – Apologized to Beverly Stibbens – Why do we need a sheriff patrol when we are paying county taxes for the patrol anyway. He has yet to see the sheriff patrol not show up. Why do we need to change the fire department? The only fire we have had is in Sonoma Verde a couple of years ago. There are no city services. Personally thinks you have a good staff. Only competent people here. There are no road repairs. We are always having to repair our own roads.

Jerry Packer – This atmosphere is negative and it is like people growing hand grenades. We all live in this community things are going to change and we need to get along. Please be positive. Are you going to run and sit up here and take this abuse?

Russell Maclelland 1338 Hwy 205 - Its extortion. Just because it is legal doesn't make it right. Everybody gets a budget, it snowballs. The deception is wrong. It is an outrageous expense.

Leticia Sorensen 651 Frontier – recommend a tornado warning system. We have had tornados.

Larry Diamond 820 Kentwood – none of his questions have been answered, should have put the city hall on the ballot. Now you are talking about safety and fire protection and still didn't let the people vote on the city hall. Why did you have to go buy all the additional acres? How is it fair to increase the taxes by three times? How many people would support the mayor and the council stopping the construction of the new city hall and redesign the city hall at the original 1.5 million and use the remaining 600,000 for the fire safety.

David Larsen 309 W FM 550 – now we are here to have our taxes raised because of Sonoma Verde. He feels that McLendon-Chisholm is going to be the next Pleasant Grove of Rockwall. We are fine where we are at. This is not about safety and the fire.

Ron Rutledge 1671 W FM 550 – Hated that we originally got taxes. He knew that we were going to raise the taxes, but he is amazed at this rate. He would like to understand what is the mission? We didn't elect to live in the other cities compared in the letter. He moved here because of rural. He doesn't want to see that change.

Brent Jones 240 Harvest Ridge – With the extension of highway 205, who is going to maintain it? Is the property from the fire department going to be taxed when the city takes it over? Mayor Moody responded that it would not since the City is tax-exempt.

Margaret Selman 220 Herron Circle – wants to know how many people can water the yard. You want a tax rage and we can't water our yard

Scott Turnbull 1117 Newkirk - Used them (fire department) to scare us – they can take their toys and go home. If we are growing so fast, who controls the rate of growth? The people who issue the building permits. Stop issuing building permits or charge more. Four years ago, the fire department was in the 20,000 and now it is 10 times the amount. Why? If you want to bring them in then bring them in, don't use them as a straw man.

Trish Bates 689 Kentwood – thanked Council Member Lovell and shook his hand – these are the people who voted you in. We have been here 2 ½ years. We love our lifestyle and the country living. Appalled at 333% increase. Asking for balance. Phase in the tax rate.

James Parnell 621 Glen Acres – I sat where they did for 6 years. We knew we needed taxes. We tried to stop the growth. You can't. He's been a police officer for the City of Dallas for 25 years. Public Safety is important. How many times do you see the sheriff patrolling the streets? They don't. The government is set up to provide police and fire. He agrees with the phase in. Think of the future. We proposed the tax rate of \$.20 and got voted out. If we had done that, then we wouldn't be here now. He loves that people are here and he will follow up on some of the ideas that were presented here. He would like to have fire safety and police here.

Wade Orchard 15 Greenhollow – the lack of planning in the budget of growth. He has for the respect for fire safety. He implores you to look at the budget and get it back down to just the 16 cents.

Julie Webster 171 Klutts – you need to fix my street. She is all for progress, but should be able to drive down the streets. You should take pride in that. Who is going to take care of all of this new stuff?

Mike Donegan 2620 Ridgelake Lane – he supports the city hall project. Need the forward thinking of the city. Agrees with the increase in the tax rate. Would like to see them reevaluate the budget and lower the tax increase. Not fair to them or to the people for them not to know why they make the decisions that they did. You got to understand where they are coming from.

c. Close Public Hearing – Mayor Moody closed the Public Hearings at 8:18 p.m.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Discussion and consideration of the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Mayor Pro-Tem Hatfield made a motion to postpone any action on the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to September 8, 2015. Council Member Pullen seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-1**, with Council Member Klutts voting against.

b. Discussion and consideration of 2015-16 annual updates to the Sonoma Public Improvement District Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Rolls

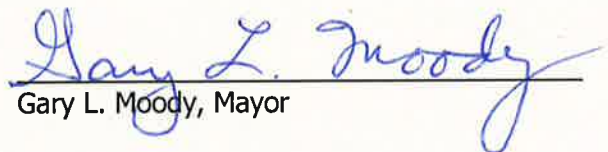
Mayor Pro-Tem Hatfield made a motion to approve the 2015-16 annual updates to the Sonoma Public Improvement District Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Rolls. Council Member Pullen seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0**.

c. City Administrator Report

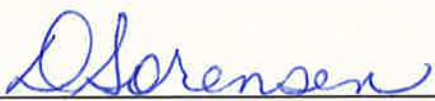
David Butler didn't have anything to report.

8. ADJOURN

Council Member Klutts made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Pullen seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


Gary L. Moody, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, City Secretary

