

Monday

September 11, 2023

The Governing Body of the City of Pratt met in Recessed Session in the Commission Room located at City Hall.

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| PRESENT: | Zach Deeds | Mayor |
| | Gary Schmidt | Commissioner |
| | Jeanette Siemens | Commissioner |
| | Kyle Farmer | Commissioner |

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| ALSO PRESENT: | Brianna Garten | City Clerk |
| | Regina Goff | City Attorney |

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Deeds made a motion to call the recessed meeting back in order. All commissioners were present except Commissioner Meyer.

BUSINESS:

2024 Proposed City of Pratt Budget/Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing

- Open Public Hearing by Motion

Mayor Deeds made a motion to open the 2024 proposed City of Pratt Budget/Revenue Neutral Rate public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

- Discussion

Mayor Deeds thanked AGH and Scot Loyd Group for their support and the great experience that they helped facilitate.

Mr. Scot Loyd, thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to help out in a difficult situation.

City Attorney Regina Goff stated that this has been a very comprehensive process that included a lot of analysis and hard work. Ms. Goff is comfortable that there are still opportunities for us to make responsible cuts in the future.

Mayor Deeds asked the single audience member if they would like to approach the Governing Body. The citizen gave feedback on her experience as a local homeowner and wanted to state that she felt taxes were too high. City Attorney Regina Goff responded that while the city is increasing taxes, it is much less than the rate of inflation that needs to be considered and is the smallest increase in the city compared to the several other taxing entities.

- Close Public Hearing by Motion

Mayor Deeds made a motion to close the public hearing for the 2024 proposed City of Pratt budget/revenue neutral rate. Seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

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Consideration and/or Approval of Resolution 091123 Levying a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate

Mayor Deeds made a motion to approve Resolution 091123 levying a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate as presented. Commissioner Siemens Seconded and unanimously passed.

Thereupon, the Resolution was read and considered, and, the question being put to a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Aye: Mayor Deeds, Commissioner Schmidt, Commissioner Siemens, and Commissioner Farmer

Nay: None

Consideration and/or Approval of the 2024 City of Pratt Budget

Mayor Deeds made a motion to open the 2024 proposed City of Pratt Budget public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

No body from the Commission, Staff or audience had any comment on the 2024 City of Pratt Budget.

Mayor Deeds made a motion to close the 2024 proposed City of Pratt Budget public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Farmer.

With no more discussion, Commissioner Siemens made a motion to approve the 2024 City of Pratt budget as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

General Discussion

No additional discussion.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Farmer motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

ZACH DEEDS, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

BRIANNA GARTEN, City Clerk