



**TOWN OF LAKESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AND PUBLIC HEARING
9834 CONFEDERATE PARK ROAD
LAKESIDE, TX 76108**



Mayor Patrick Jacob - 2023
Place 1 Don Pitts - 2022
Place 2 Kathy Livingston - 2023

Place 3 Wesley Hearn - 2022
Place 4 Amy Robinson – Mayor Pro-Tem - 2023
Place 5 Rona Stratton Gouyton - 2022

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, NOTICE is hereby given of a Regular City Council Meeting, Town of Lakeside, to be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 6:30 PM at 9834 Confederate Park Rd, Town Hall Conference room. Due to space limitations, the meeting will also be available via telephonic / videoconference, to consider the following items. Telephonic number for the meeting is 346-248-7799, Meeting ID 684-217-3328 Passcode: 3NF3EN, or via URL link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6842173328?pwd=Y2ZiVk1rUVNPaUlXQ2dQNkh4VkNGUT09>

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Patrick Jacob called the Council Meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following City Council Members and staff were present:

Pat Jacob	Mayor
Don Pitts	Council Member Place 1
Katherine Livingston	Council Member Place 2
Wesley Hearn	Council Member Place 3
Amy Robinson	Council Member Place 4
Rona Stratton Gouyton	Council Member Place 5
Norman Craven	Town Administrator/City Secretary
Ken East	Town Attorney
Lee Pitts	Police Chief
James McDonald	Public Works Director

II. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION AND COMMENTS

An opportunity for citizens to address the City Council on matters which are not scheduled for consideration. To address the Council, please call **346-248-7799, Meeting ID 684-217-3328 Passcode:3NF3EN, or via URL link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6842173328?pwd=Y2ZiVk1rUVNPaUlXQ2dQNkh4VkNGUT09>. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits deliberation by the Council of any subject which is not on the posted agenda, therefore the Council will not be able to discuss or act on items brought up during the citizen's participation. Mayor Jacob read comment into the record from Joe Bennett. No other speakers present.

III. PROCLAMATION, RESOLUTION AND PRESENTATION

- (a) Council to consider Resolution 2021-005 Atmos Mid-Tex RRM Settlement. Council may take any action deemed necessary. Council Member Don Pitts made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-005 Atmos Mid-Tex RRM Settlement. Council Member Kathy Livingston seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 for and 0 against.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

- (a) Proposed Tax Rate. Public Hearing opened at 6:37 pm, no speakers present. Public Hearing closed at 6:38 pm
- (b) Proposed FY 2021-2022 Town Budget. Public Hearing opened at 6.38 pm, no speakers present. Public Hearing closed at 6:39.

V. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

1. Thursday September 9, 2021, Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing Adopt 2021-2022 Tax Rate.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- (a) Police Chief Pitts provided the monthly Police report.
- (b) Administration, Fire and Finance Mr. Craven provided the monthly finance report.
- (c) Public Works Mr. McDonald provided the monthly public works report.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve minutes from the August 5, 2021, Special City Council Meeting. Council may take any action deemed necessary. Council Member Amy Robinson made a motion to approve consent agenda. Council Member Rona Stratton Gouyton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 for and 0 against.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Council to consider Ordinance 419 adopting FY 2021-2022 Town Budget. Council may take any action deemed necessary. Council Member Don Pitts made a motion to adopt the FY 2021-2022 Town Budget. Council Member Amy Robinson seconded the motion. Record vote: Don Pitts for; Kathy Livingston for; Wesley Hearn absent; Amy Robinson for; Rona Gouyton for.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the Town of Lakeside Texas, reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session during the course of the meeting to seek legal advice from its attorney regarding any item on the posted agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), 418.183 (homeland security).

X. CONSIDER AND TAKE ANY ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

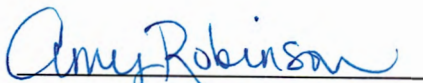
XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Park and Rec Committee update.

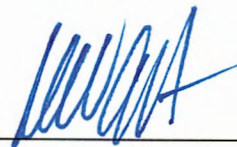
XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jacob adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

ATTEST:



Amy Robinson
Mayor Pro Tem



Norman Craven
Town Administrator / City Secretary

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COUNTY OF TARRANT

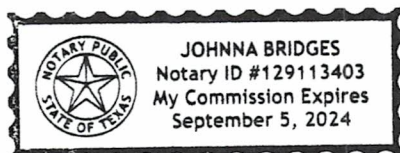
Kim Ware, being duly sworn, says that she is the Publisher of the *Azle News*, a weekly newspaper published in Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, and that said newspaper has been regularly published in Tarrant County, Texas for a period of not less than one year preceding the publication of the attached and is a newspaper of general circulation in said county, and the attached

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was published in the issue of August 4, 2021

Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 6 day of August, A.D. 2021



Johnna Bridges
Notary Public, Tarrant County, Texas

Town of Lakeside Public Hearing

2021-2022 Town Budget

Thursday August 12, 2021, 6:30 PM

9834 Confederate Park Rd

This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$-1,466, which is a -0.21 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$394.

	2021-2022	2020-2021
PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.406239/100	\$0.406300/100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.406239/100	\$0.400828/100
NO-NEW-REVENUE		
Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate	\$.433754/100	\$0.423288/100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.449184/100	\$0.415642/100
Debt Rate:	\$-0.000051/100	\$0.000000/100

Total debt obligation for Town of Lakeside FY 2021-2022 secured by property taxes: \$1,895,000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.406239 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Town of Lakeside FY 2021-2022.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	0.406239 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	0.406239 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	0.449184 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Town of Lakeside FY 2021-2022 from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Town of Lakeside FY 2021-2022 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Town of Lakeside FY 2021-2022 is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 12, 2021, AT 6:30 PM AT 9834 Confederate Park Rd.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Town of Lakeside FY 2021-2022 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the of Town of Lakeside FY 2021-2022 at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED
ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount= (rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

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The Senate of the State of Texas

Jane Nelson
Senate District 12

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LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE
PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 30, 2020

Mr. Mike O'Donnell
Chairman, Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors
2500 Handley-Ederville Road
Fort Worth, TX 76118-6909

Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

I hope this letter finds you safe and healthy. I am writing to make you aware of testimony at the Senate Finance Committee's February hearing to monitor appraisal-related legislation.

Specifically, our committee received an interim charge related to appraisal districts. In preparation for and during the hearing, the committee received information demonstrating a significant increase in appraisal protests in Tarrant County over the past five years. As I understand it, the number of protests in Tarrant County far exceed the increases in other major metropolitan counties. On behalf of the constituents I represent in Tarrant County, I would request that the Board of Directors investigate the reasons for such a large increase -- and to specifically look into whether software used by the district is playing a role. Troubles with the software were cited in a recent audit, and I would be interested to know what steps have been taken to address the issues.

I have filed appraisal reform legislation the past two legislative sessions, and the Legislature has approved reforms in response to our constituents who want to make sure appraisals are fair and transparent. As your State Senator, I welcome any suggestions you may have for statutory changes at the state level to increase the Board of Director's ability to govern the District and its personnel. If you would like more information on this or other information received by my office please contact my Legislative Director Michael Ruggieri at Michael.ruggieri@senate.texas.gov.

The job with which you have been entrusted is vital and directly impacts hundreds of thousands of taxpayers each year. I greatly appreciate your service.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Nelson".

Senator Jane Nelson

CC: TCAD Board of Directors

In January of 2020, TAD Board member Rich DeOtte requested from TAD's staff the number of protests heard by the ARB for the years 2013 thru 2019. He also gathered the same information from 4 other large Appraisal Districts. Mr. DeOtte then presented this comparison to the Senate Committee on Finance chaired by Senator Nelson on 2-25-2020. This presentation, as an invited guest, prompted Senator Nelson to send a letter to the Board of Directors of Tarrant Appraisal District on 30 April 2020 which I supplied to you.

The letter requests investigating the software used by the district if it is playing a role in the increased number of protests in relation to other major metropolitan counties. This letter was suppressed by the district by not distributing the letter to each board member which was received on May 11, 2020 by the District. The letter was placed into the Agenda packet for the June 5th BOD meeting but not in the agenda packet provided to the public.

During the June 5th meeting the letter was not allowed to be discussed. On the Agenda was an action item to move forward with audit services to investigate the software which passed 3-2.

This is where it fell apart. Soon after this meeting 2 members asked to be recalled. Each sent a letter to their respective voting block to be recalled; John Molyneaux, the third yes vote, and Mike O'Donnell, the Board Chair. I sued the District, each Board member and 8 taxing units for this misuse of the recall statute in the 96th District Court. This recall request was so the taxing entities could control the process. If each member had resigned, then all nominations of the taxing entities would have been put forward to the remaining board members.

This vacuum in leadership was ignored by the Chief Appraiser, Jeff Law. Mr. Law ignored requests by two board members for an immediate meeting so a Chair may be appointed. These two board members, Mr. DeOtte and Mr. Losada, were joined by a majority of Taxing Entities to no avail. Senator Nelson's letter needed addressed in a timely fashion by the board.

To this day Senator Nelson's letter has not been addressed by the TAD BOD. 16 months has passed. This, in my opinion, is by design and this arrogance is apportioned to Mr. Law and the current BOD Chair Kathryn Wilemon.