

**City of Brownsboro Farm  
Special Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, March 5th, 2019**

A Special meeting of the Brownsboro Farm City Commission was held on Tuesday, 3/5/2019 at the Brownsboro Farm Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Kim Franklin, Commissioners Lisa Holthouse, Mark McGrath, Tim Quinn and Harriet Barger, City Clerk Dennis Branson, City Attorney Jim Hodge, and several residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The only thing on the agenda is a proposed increase in insurance tax.

**Attorney Jim Hodge**

The special meeting was called by the Mayor. Notice was duly given to the commissioners. Notice was duly given to residents and some of them came to the meeting.

Metro has proposed increasing the insurance premium tax from 5% to 12.5%. This tax is allowed to be adopted by Metro Government and each city can pass the same provisions and can keep the tax. If we do not do this, the additional taxes will go to Metro not to the City of Brownsboro Farm.

If Metro government goes to 10% and we do not increase from 5%, we would get 5% and the additional 5% would go to Metro. Many smaller cities are doing the same thing that we are proposing. This has been going on for decades.

If the tax is going to be imposed it has to be 100 days before July 1<sup>st</sup>, or by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Most people think that Metro will pass the tax increase by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We want to be prepared whether the tax passes or not. Some other cities are looking at different ways to deal with the increased revenue.

In order to pass the tax increase we have to have two readings. One tonight, the second one next Tuesday, and then pass it. We only want to increase our tax if Metro does pass the increase. If not, we want to stay at 5%. Commissioner McGrath asked what would happen if they pass an increase but change the amount. Mr. Hodge said that we do not need to have a set amount; we can just say that we are going to match the Metro rate, whatever it is.

The issue for Metro is to raise approximately \$63 million to pay for increased pension obligations. The current pension is 34% of their employees pay such as the fire department and police department. We have our garbage service, use Worthington Fire Department, and have our own police contract. In the Metro projections, they are assuming that all of the 6<sup>th</sup> class cities will pass their own ordinances.

Mr. Hodge said that we need a motion to do the first reading of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Franklin made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Quinn. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Hodge gave the first reading of the proposed ordinance.

We now pass it to the regular meeting for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and a vote on the ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26. Passed unanimously.

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