

TOWN OF BAILEY

The Public Hearing Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on June 18, 2018 at 7:00pm.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Commissioners Allen Daniels, Dwan Finch, Shelley Carroll, Troy Conner, Jerry Bisette, Mayor Thomas Richards and Town Administrator Timothy Johnson

Called the Public Hearing to order:

Mayor Thomas Richards called the Public Hearing meeting to order in reference to the Proposed Budget for the Town of Bailey for the fiscal year of 2018 – 2019.

Public Comment:

Mayor Thomas Richards then asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak. Vince Sievert stated that he just wanted to give some feedback and comment on the budget workshop because the public wasn't allowed to comment during the workshop. He stated that when the discussion/debate took place regarding the tax increase there was only question raised by the Board and that was when was the last time that a tax increase was done and the answer was something like 12 years or something. Commissioner Conners then stated that is was 18-20 years. Mr. Sievert then stated that what was interesting was that no one asked about why there would need to be an increase. He stated that did he believe that there was a need to increase revenue in order to fix things, yes because there are a lot of things broken. He continued to say that being someone who has managed a lot of money on large projects and being in charge of budgets that if someone came to him and wanted to increase the budget he felt that someone would need to be able to sell it to the people who it was going to levied on. He believed that just saying we haven't had a tax increase in 18 years was enough of a selling point. He stated that good selling points would have been taking care of streets, trees, and sewer would be good selling points but none of that was discussed. It was until after the board agreed to the new tax increase did it try to divvy up the increased revenue. He stated that it just seemed that the process seemed backward because there should be a good argument on where that revenue is going to go. Commissioner Conner stated that he has been on the Board for 15 years and I know in my mind I know we need monies. Shelley has been on the board the longest and Allen has been here for just over 4 years so we know on the areas that you discussed need the money so why has it out again. Mr. Seivert stated that it was a perception because people who sit out here do not necessarily know the same information that you do behind that desk.

Mayor Richards asked if there was any further comment from the public. With no one stating that they wanted to make comment on the Proposed Budget for 2018 – 2019 Mayor Richards adjourned the public hearing.

Attest: T G A
Mayor

Attest: Shelley Glover
Clerk

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