

PLEASANT HILL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 2, 2019
12:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sara Kurovski called the Pleasant Hill City Council meeting to order on January 2, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. PRESENT: Ross Grooters, Curt Gause, Dean Cooper, Barb Malone, and Mark Konrad. ABSENT: none.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Konrad/Malone moved to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL: AYES: Grooters, Gause, Cooper, Malone, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (5 MINUTES FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

There were none.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

There were none.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Resolution #010219-01** – Regarding an Election on the Imposition of a Local Option Sales and Services Tax
Cooper/Konrad moved to approve **Resolution #010219-01** – Regarding an Election on the Imposition of a Local Option Sales and Services Tax. City Manager Ben Champ that following the recent approval of a Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOSST) in Dallas County and the passage in the Polk County cities including Runnels, Mitchellville, Elkhart, Polk City, and the Polk County portion of Carlisle, the remaining metro area communities in Polk County are discussing the possibility of 2019 special elections for the implementation in other portions of the County. The Iowa legislature created new regulations for LOSST elections in the last session that now allow for the contiguous cities in the County to hold individual elections that pass or defeat the ballot within each city. Previously, the contiguous cities were bound to the vote totals collectively. This resolution establishes ballot language and requests that the Polk County Commissioner of Elections to set a special election for the LOSST. The election date would be March 5, 2019. The ballot language in the resolution provides for 85 percent of the revenues of the LOSST to be used for property tax relief and 15 percent for property tax stabilization through projects including public safety, streets, parks, and other lawful purposes of the City. Most importantly, the LOSST would be used to offset property tax increases that will otherwise be necessary for upcoming public safety improvements needed by the Police and Fire Departments. The City has many long term capital improvement funding needs that include the construction of a new public safety facility, roadway and other infrastructure improvements, park and trail development, and the implementation of a space needs study. Distribution of LOSST funds collected across Polk County utilize an existing formula beneficial to Pleasant Hill that is based on proportionate population (75%) and property tax levy (25%), not retail sales. Pleasant Hill could receive approximately \$1.4 million per year based upon 2018 estimates, though the actual number can fluctuate higher or lower depending on which communities elect to participate. Attorney Bob Josten clarified that the County-wide revenue-sharing formula is based on a City's population, not city-wide collections. ROLL CALL: AYES: Grooters, Gause, Cooper, Malone, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CLOSING COMMENT

Attorney Brad Skinner wished everyone a Happy New Year.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Malone/Gause moved to adjourn the meeting. ROLL CALL: AYES: Grooters, Gause, Cooper, Malone, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Sara Kurovski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dena J. Spooner, City Clerk/Finance Director