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Councilperson At Large B  
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Councilperson District 2



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Councilperson District 3  
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Councilperson District 4  
**JAY MARTIN**  
Councilperson District 5  
**NANCY OJEDA**  
Councilperson District 6

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 5:30 p.m., with the following in attendance:

**Councilpersons present:** Louis Rigby, Thomas Garza (*arrived at 5:41 p.m.*), Steve Gillett, Bill Bentley, Brandon Lunsford, Danny Earp, Nancy Ojeda (*arrived at 5:33 p.m.*)

**Councilpersons absent:** Chuck Engelken, Jay Martin

**Council-appointed officers present:** Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins.  
**PLEDGES** – The pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags were led by Mayor Rigby.
3. **STATUTORY AGENDA**  
(a) **The City Council will hold a public hearing to accept comments on their consideration to accept a maximum property tax rate of \$0.71 per \$100 valuation for the City's 2019-2020 fiscal year. [Corby Alexander, City Manager; Michael Dolby, Finance Director]**

City Manager Corby Alexander announced the next public hearing on the tax rate will be held on September 23, 2019, at 6 p.m. Mayor Rigby opened the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. No comments were offered. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:32 p.m.

4. **COUNCIL COMMENTS** regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policies.

A Councilmember said the long-term continued tax rate demonstrated good management of the City; another proposed a two-cent decrease in the City's property tax rate.

**ADJOURN** – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

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Lee Woodward, City Secretary