

RIVERTON FIRE SERVICE AREA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2020

The Riverton City Law Enforcement Service Area Board convened at 1:57 p.m. in the Riverton City Municipal Building, 12830 South 1700 West, Riverton Utah.

Present:

Chair Trent Staggs
Board Member Tish Buroker
Board Member Tawnee McCay-Electronically
Board Member Troy McDougal
Board Member Sheldon Stewart
Board Member Claude Wells

Staff:

David R. Brickey, City Manager
Don Hutson, Police Chief
Virginia Loader, Clerk
Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Kevin Hicks, Finance Director
Casey Saxton, Communications Director
Sheril Garn, Parks & Public Services Dir.
Trace Robinson, Public Works Director
Jason Lethbridge, Dev. Services Director

1. Call To Order

Mayor Staggs called the meeting to order and called a roll call. Board Members Buroker, McCay, McDougal, Stewart and Wells were present.

2. Discussion/Action Items

a. RFSA Resolution No. 20-01 - Declaring the Intent to Raise Property Taxes for the Purpose of Paying for First Responder Services within Riverton Fire Service Area Boundaries

Kevin Hicks, Finance Director, explained the following:

1. The RFSA Board intends to increase property taxes for tax year 2021
2. The estimated amount of increased property taxes for 2021 is \$6,310,000 (based on 2020 assessment data)
3. The purpose of the property tax increase is to fund first responder services within Boundaries of the Riverton Fire Service Area
4. This is a 100%property tax increase

Council Member Stewart said that although UFSA was increasing their tax rate, Riverton City would be staying at the UFSA current rate. Kevin Hicks, Administrative Services Director, clarified that statement and explained that the Board has to request a certain amount of revenue then Salt Lake County determines what the tax rate will be based on the revenue requested. He said that the revenue estimate of \$6,310,000 was based on the UFSA 2020 tax rate of 0.001745 x RLESA estimated tax rate value for 2021.

Discussion was held and Board Members expressed their concerns regarding future funding decreasing below the required amount of money needed.

Council Member McCay asked, in regards to TRANs \$5,225,000 and sales tax revenue, if Mr. Hicks could come up with an amount that could be decreased that amount by potentially using

the funds made available by using CARES funds for the police department, or from sales tax revenue coming in more than projected, or other potential surpluses in revenue.

Mr. Hicks explained that the hope was to try and keep each TRANS below \$5 million, if possible, as he said that was a threshold that had some additional guidelines that would be nice to avoid. Mr. Hicks said he would look at the options specified, but he wanted to make sure the Board understood that if the RFSA decided to borrow funds from the City, the Board would still have to follow the same procedures by issuing TRANS and have the City purchase said TRANS.

Board Member Stewart **MOVED to approve RFSA Resolution No. 20-01 - Declaring the Intent to Raise Property Taxes for the Purpose of Paying for First Responder Services within Riverton Fire Service Area Boundaries.** The motion was **SECONDED** by Board Member Wells. Vote on motion: Board Member McDougal-Yes, Board Member Wells-Yes, Board Member Buroker-Yes, Board Member McCay-Yes, and Board Member Stewart-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjournment

Board Member Stewart **MOVED to adjourn the RLESA Meeting and move into the Closed Session as previously indicated.** The motion was **SECONDED** by Board Member McDougal and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.

Approved: RFSA 11-17-20