

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
SPECIAL MEETING
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

JULY 27, 2020

6:30 P.M.

**CLARK LIBRARY ANNEX-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 217 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 3rd FLOOR,
LOCKHART, TEXAS**

Council present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez
Councilmember Juan Mendoza
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember Derrick David Bryant
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Council present virtually:

Councilmember Kara McGregor

Staff present:

Steven Lewis, City Manager
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director
Ernest Pedraza, Police Chief

Miles Smith, Public Information Officer
Randy Jenkins, Fire Chief

Staff present virtually:

Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Bertha Martinez, Library Director

Julie Bowermon, Civil Service/HR Director
Dan Gibson, City Planner

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Shanna Ramzinski of Caldwell County Appraisal District.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor White gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

**ITEM 3-A. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE
CALDWELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET.**

Shanna Ramzinski of the Caldwell County Appraisal District provided details about their budget. There was discussion. It was the consensus of the Council to accept the budget.

**ITEM 3-B. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET TO CITY COUNCIL AND SETTING TUESDAY,
AUGUST 18, 2020 AS THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET.**

Ms. Larison provided information regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget.

There was discussion regarding the following:

- General Fund revenue and expense summary by department.
- Different tax rate assumptions.
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that reimburses 100% of COVID-19 expenses.
- Hiring freeze during the pandemic. Several vacant positions will not be filled in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 but will remain in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Consideration of filling the vacant positions is dependent upon the economy improving during the pandemic.
- Lease purchase of a new fire truck.
- Employee wages proposed to increase by 3%.
- Allocating funds for maintenance and repairs in the Clark Library building as recommended by Norman Alston.
- Allocate funds for street and sidewalk improvements throughout the city.
- Lease of new vehicles for several departments. Staff recommends utilizing a 4-year leasing program instead of purchasing one vehicle each year. Leasing would enable several new vehicles for several departments instead of purchasing one vehicle a year.
- Discussion regarding the debt service expenses.


Ms. Larison reminded the Council that the second budget workshop regarding the utility funds would be held on July 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 18th day of August 2020.

CITY OF LOCKHART



Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary

