

**SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP****JULY 15, 2010****6:30 P.M.****Council present:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Frank Estrada
 Councilmember Lew White
 Councilmember Richard Banks

Mayor Ray Sanders
 Councilmember Paul Gomez
 Councilmember Richard Wieland

Council absent:

Councilmember Kenny Roland

Staff present:

Vance Rodgers, City Manager
 Peter Gruning, City Attorney
 Sandra Mauldin, Economic Dev. Coordinator
 Lee Weatherford, Public Works Dir.
 Stephanie House, Controllor
 Bonnie Townsend, Municipal Court Manager

Connie Rodriguez, City Secretary
 Jeff Hinson, Finance Director
 Dan Gibson, City Planner
 Michael Catching, Building Official
 Bertha Martinez, Library Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Carlton Pape, Chief Appraiser of the Caldwell County Appraisal District.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Ray Sanders called the special meeting/budget workshop to order on this date at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.

Mayor Sanders requested citizens to address the Council. There were none.

ITEM 3-A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING CALDWELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET.

Mayor Sanders requested the Caldwell County Appraisal District to address the Council.

Carlton Pape, Chief Appraiser of the Caldwell County Appraisal District (CCAD) presented their budge and there was discussion regarding the following:

- Process that the CCAD Board took to review their fiscal year 2011 budget.
- Personnel duties and salaries. The majority of the Council expressed opposition to the salary increases proposed for CCAD employees.
- General Expenses and budget adjustments in 2010 fiscal year.
- Decrease in legal service fees.
- Decrease in computer equipment.
- Discussion regarding Caldwell County Commissioner's opposition to the CCAD budget.

Councilmember Wieland made a motion to disapprove the proposed Caldwell County Appraisal District Fiscal Year 2011 budget, as presented. Councilmember White seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

ITEM 3-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP OF FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RELATED INFORMATION.

Mayor Sanders requested information regarding the following departments:

- Economic Development Corporation
- Inspections and Code Enforcement
 - Will not fill the position of code enforcement officer but position opening will be retained.
- Library
 - Increase due to upgrading security system
- Technology Center
 - Upgrade from Windows XP to Windows 7
- Municipal Court
 - City Marshal position is not planned to be filled but position opening will be retained. City Police Officers will assist with providing security as needed.
 - Fine collections decreased.
- Planning
- Cemeteries
- Maintenance
- Parks
 - Discussion regarding constructing and finding grants to fund the expense for a cover on the amphitheater at the City Park.
- Public Works
 - Personnel line item decreased since the Project Manager position would not be filled but position opening will be retained.
- Streets
- Information Systems

ITEM 3-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND FUNDING.

Mayor Sanders requested discussion regarding the maintenance and capital budgets and funding. Discussion regarding departments to review during the budget workshop to be held on July 22.

ITEM 3-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING TENTATIVE BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION CALENDAR.

Mayor Sanders requested discussion and/or action regarding the tentative budget and tax rate adoption calendar. There was no discussion.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilmember Wieland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember White seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 20th day of July 2010.



CITY OF LOCKHART



Ray Sanders, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Rodriguez, TRMC, City Secretary