

**SPECIAL MEETING  
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

**6:30 P.M.**

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

**Council present:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez  
Councilmember Juan Mendoza  
Councilmember Jeffrey Michelson

Mayor Lew White  
Councilmember John Castillo  
Councilmember Benny Hilburn  
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

**Staff present:**

Vance Rodgers, City Manager  
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director  
Jerry Doyle, Interim Fire Chief

Connie Constancio, City Secretary  
Julie Bowermon, Civil Service Director

**Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council:** Randy Jenkins, incoming Fire Chief.

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Lew White called the special meeting of the Lockhart City Council to order on this date at 6:33 p.m.

**ITEM 2. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.**

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

**ITEM 3-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2017-35 RATIFYING  
A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF 6.062820 PERCENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018  
FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF  
LOCKHART.**

Mr. Hinson stated that the ordinance is required by State law. The ordinance indicates that this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$374,686 or 11.226207% and of that amount \$132,596 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year based on an ad valorem rate of 72.60 cents per each 100 dollars property valuation. There was brief discussion.

Councilmember Hilburn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-35, as presented. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**ITEM 3-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2017-36 ADOPTING  
THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018,  
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 FOR THE CITY OF LOCKHART, CALDWELL COUNTY,  
TEXAS.**

Mr. Hinson stated that the Ordinance represents the Council's action to adopt the City of Lockhart's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-36, as presented. Councilmember Hilburn seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**ITEM 3-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2017-37 LEVYING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS AND INTEREST AND SINKING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART RESULTING IN A TAX INCREASE OF 6.062820 PERCENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND APPROPRIATING EACH PART THEREOF FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES.**

Mr. Hinson stated that the Ordinance represents Council's action to adopt the property taxes levy. He requested that a record vote be taken on the Ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-37, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded.

The record vote of the Lockhart City Council is as follows:

- Councilmember Brad Westmoreland – yes
- Councilmember Mendoza – yes
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez – yes
- Councilmember Benny Hilburn – yes
- Councilmember John Castillo – yes
- Councilmember Jeffry Michelson – yes
- Mayor Lew White - yes

The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**ITEM 3-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2017-38 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH CLASSIFICATION.**

Ms. Bowermon stated that with the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget, the Council increased the number of police officers in the Lockhart Police Department by adding one police officer effective October 1, 2017. In compliance with civil service, the number of classified police and fire positions are set by an ordinance, which is referred to as the "Strength of Force". The ordinance reflects the increase of police officers. There was discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-38, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**ITEM 3-E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING CONFIRMATION OF THE CITY MANAGER'S CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIAMS R. JENKINS AS LOCKHART FIRE CHIEF.**

Mr. Rodgers introduced William (Randy) Jenkins to the City Council.

Chief Doyle thanked the Council for allowing him to serve as Interim Fire Chief. The Council commended Chief Jerry Doyle for his dedication for serving as Interim Fire Chief.

Randy Jenkins provided information about his background and thanked staff and the Council for considering him as Fire Chief.


Councilmember Michelson made a motion to confirm the City Manager's conditional appointment of William R. Jenkins as Lockhart Fire Chief. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**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 6:55 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

**CITY OF LOCKHART**

  
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Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Connie Constancio, TRMC  
City Secretary

