

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
SPECIAL MEETING
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

AUGUST 12, 2019

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 Jeffry Michelson

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember John Castillo
Councilmember Kara McGregor
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Staff present:

Steven Lewis, City Manager
Pam Larison, Finance Director
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director
Shane Mondin, Building Official
Ernesto Pedraza, Police Chief
Robert Eggiman, Controller

Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Julie Bowermon, HR/Civil Service Director
Dan Gibson, City Planner
Randy Jenkins, Fire Chief
Erin Westmoreland, Municipal Court Manager

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Shanna Ramzinski of the 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 2020 BUDGET.**

Shanna Ramzinski of the Caldwell County Appraisal District (CCAD) provided information and there was discussion regarding the CCAD budget.

**ITEM 3-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN
THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 CITY OF LOCKHART BUDGET TO SPECIAL
INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS.**

Ms. Larison stated that the special interest organizations made their presentations during the June 18, 2019 Council meeting. She requested that the Council consider allocation of funds. There was discussion.

Mayor White made a motion to give allocations as requested plus 3%. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1, with Councilmember Castillo opposing.

The following are the allocations to each entity that includes the 3% increase:

ENTITY NAME	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT ALLOCATED WITH 3% INCREASE
CARTS	\$6,000	\$ 6,286.79
Hays-Caldwell Women's Center	\$8,000	\$ 4,417.34
Cenikor Foundation	\$5,000	\$ 2,547.89
Combined Community Action-Sr. Nutrition	\$8,000	\$ 6,909.94
Lockhart Area Senior Citizen Center	\$3,641.94	\$ 3,751.20
CASA of Central Texas, Inc.	\$10,000	\$ 3,794.19
Caldwell County Christian Ministries	\$3,683.68	\$ 3,794.19
TOTAL		\$31,501.54

ITEM 3-C. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET TO CITY COUNCIL AND SETTING TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019 AS THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET.

Ms. Larison stated that once the proposed budget is presented to the City Council, the City Charter requires that the City Council set a public hearing. The proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was filed with the City Secretary on August 3, 2019

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to set the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget on August 20, 2019. Councilmember McGregor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Larison and Mr. Lewis provided details and there was discussion regarding the revenue and expenditures in the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund.

ITEM 3-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE 2019 COMBINED MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION AND INTEREST AND SINKING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF LOCKHART. IF THE PROPOSED TAX RATE EXCEEDS EITHER THE EFFECTIVE RATE OR ROLLBACK RATE (WHICHEVER IS LOWER), A RECORD VOTE MUST BE TAKEN TO PLACE A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT THE RATE ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING. IF MOTION PASSES, COUNCIL MUST SCHEDULE AND ANNOUNCE THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE SET BY COUNCIL.

Ms. Larison stated that the action taken by Council is required by the State of Texas for adherence with the Truth-in-Taxation laws. As directed by Council, a record vote will need to be taken and the dates announced for the aforementioned public hearings scheduled on August 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. and September 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Clark Library, 217 South Main Street, Lockhart, Texas. There was discussion.

Councilmember McGregor made a motion to set the 2019 interest and sinking property tax rate at 9.80 cents per \$100 and the 2019 maintenance and operations property tax rate at 58.62 cents per \$100 and announce the public hearings are scheduled on August 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. and September 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Clark Library Annex, 217 South Main Street, Lockhart, Texas. These recommendations will result in a 2019 property tax rate of 68.42 cents per \$100. Councilmember Michelson seconded.

The record vote is as follows:

- Councilmember Brad Westmoreland – yes
- Councilmember Juan Mendoza – yes
- Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez – yes
- Councilmember Kara McGregor – yes
- Councilmember John Castillo – yes
- Councilmember Jeffry Michelson – yes
- Mayor Lew White - yes


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 8:15 p.m.


PASSED and APPROVED this the 3rd day of September 2019.

CITY OF LOCKHART



Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary

