

**SPECIAL MEETING  
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

**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 Jeffry Michelson

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

**Staff present:**

Vance Rodgers, City Manager  
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director

Connie Constancio, City Secretary

**Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council:**

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Lew White called the special meeting of the Lockhart City Council to order on this date at 6:30 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 2016-24  
RATIFYING A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF 1.593239 PERCENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
2016-2017 FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE  
CITY OF LOCKHART.**

Mr. Hinson stated that the ratification ordinance is required by State law. He provided details as follows:

- This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$188,922 or 5.343191% and of that amount \$88,545 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year based on an ad valorem rate of 73.33 cents per each 100 dollars property valuation.
- The 2016 taxable value on the 2016 certified appraisal roll totals \$540,153,785 compared to \$517,173,072 in 2015. An additional \$3,564,970 of taxable value is still under protest.

**Councilmember Hilburn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-24 ratifying a property tax increase of 1.593239 percent for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for the use and support of the Municipal Government for the City of Lockhart. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**

**ITEM 3-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-25 ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 FOR THE CITY OF LOCKHART, CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Mr. Hinson stated that the Ordinance adopts the budget as discussed and as determined by the Council.

The budget includes the following funds:

General, Debt Service, Electric, Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Emergency Medical Service, Airport, Trust and Agency, Miscellaneous Utility, Capital Funds, Special Revenue, and Lockhart Economic Development Corporation.

The total revenue and sources of funds is \$56,227,243.

The total expenditures are \$56,227,243.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-25 adopting the budget and appropriating resources for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017, beginning October 1, 2016 for the City of Lockhart, Caldwell County, Texas. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**ITEM 3-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2016-26 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 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.**

Mr. Hinson provided the following information about the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 property tax rate:

- For the maintenance and operations needs of the City of Lockhart, the maintenance and operations (M&O) property tax is hereby adopted as 60.33 cents per each 100 dollars of property valuation. The tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 2.7243 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$16.00; and,
- For the debt service obligations of the City of Lockhart, interest and sinking (I&S) property tax is hereby adopted as 13.00 cents per each 100 dollars property valuation.
- The total property tax rate is 73.33 cents per each 100 dollars of property valuation. This tax rate resulted in a tax increase of 1.593239 percent for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 73.33 cents per 100 dollars taxable value, or an increase of 1.593239 in total tax revenue from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year. Councilmember Hilburn seconded.

The record vote is as follows:

Councilmember Brad Westmoreland – in favor  
Councilmember Juan Mendoza – in favor  
Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez – in favor  
Councilmember Benny Hilburn – in favor  
Councilmember John Castillo – in favor  
Councilmember Jeffrey Michelson – in favor  
Mayor Lew White – in favor

VOTE: The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Rodgers thanked the Council for their support.

**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 6:42 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

**CITY OF LOCKHART**



*Lew White*  
Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Connie Constancio*  
Connie Constancio, TRMC  
City Secretary