

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
City Council  
August 6, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., at the Adams Street Community Center, Auditorium, 511 E. Adams, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

<b>Stephen E. Haynes</b>	:	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>H. D. Jones</b>	:	<b>Councilman – Ward 1</b>
<b>Ed McMillian</b>	:	<b>Councilman – Ward 2</b>
<b>Larry Mathis</b>	:	<b>Councilman – Ward 3</b>
<b>Draco Miller</b>	:	<b>Councilman – Ward 4</b>
<b>Jerry DeHay</b> <i>Walker Willey</i>	:	<b>Councilman – Ward 5</b>
<b>Tim Airheart</b>	:	<b>Asst. City Manager Public Works</b>
<b>Emily Crawford</b>	:	<b>City Manager</b>
<b>Melanie Larose</b>	:	<b>Asst. Finance Director</b>
<b>Walter Middleton</b>	:	<b>Finance Director</b>
<b>Christi Wynn</b>	:	<b>City Secretary</b>

with no members absent constituting a quorum of the City Council.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

**BUDGET WORK SESSION:**

Mrs. Crawford stated that there were over \$1 million in facility improvement requests that came in during the budget process this year. She and Finance Director, Walter Middleton, suggested a tax note to fulfill the requests. She stated that the radio infrastructure project may take three to four years and we have no costs yet. There was discussion regarding a certificate of obligation or a tax note. Mr. Middleton stated that a tax note could be for seven years with a better interest rate. Mrs. Crawford suggested that City Staff evaluate the buildings and requests more thoroughly to make sure there are not any other repairs needed. Mayor Haynes asked if there were any urgent repairs needed that could be fulfilled in this budget year. Mrs. Crawford felt there were two that could use a more timely approach, 1) Adams Street Community Center concrete piers to shore up the foundation before more damage is done \$28,000; and 2) Fleet Services insulation for the shop \$16,000. Mrs. Larose went over the Tax and Debt Survey to show where Brownwood compared to other cities. Council advised that they would like to move forward with the two pressing issues in this budget year and have City Staff conduct a more extensive look into other facilities to consider a tax note later in the year. Mayor Haynes requested we act in enough time to make repairs to the Camp Bowie Aquatic Center pool before summer, if at all possible.

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Mrs. Larose went over the comparison of water usage rates among Texas cities, showing Brownwood to be one of the lower rates. Mrs. Crawford discussed the revenue rate history from 2000 – 2020 for the tax rate, water base rate, sewer rate, and sanitation rate.

Council took a break for a meal.

Mr. Middleton went over the proposed ordinance setting charges for fees, rentals, licenses, and permits. A few suggested changes were made by Council and Staff. He also went over the proposed ordinance setting charges, fees, rates, and deposits for the Brownwood water, sewer, and sanitation system.

Mrs. Crawford discussed the contract with Howard Payne University for the Coliseum rental. She stated that they have gone up 3% in the last three years. Mayor Haynes suggested going up 25% over the next two years to keep pace with other increases. Council agreed with the increase and suggested the contract be for one year.

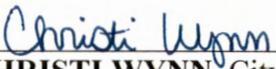
Mrs. Crawford explained that there was an error in a budget calculation discovered of \$50,000 in excess. Council requested it be used on the two emergency facility repairs. Councilman Mathis requested the Library receive the same 2% increase in pay that regular City employees may receive. That would impact the budget \$4,122. Council agreed to extend the 2% pay increase to Library employees through the subsidy.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Haynes declared the meeting adjourned.

  
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STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary