

REGULAR CALLED MEETING
City Council
September 17, 2019

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

Stephen E. Haynes	:	Mayor
HD Jones	:	Councilman – Ward 1
Ed McMillian	:	Councilman – Ward 2
Larry Mathis	:	Councilman – Ward 3
Draco Miller	:	Councilman – Ward 4
Walker Willey	:	Councilman – Ward 5
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

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

CALL TO ORDER:	Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:	Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Mathis.
INVOCATION:	Invocation was given by Councilman Willey.
CITIZENS PRESENTATIONS:	None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Consider an ordinance on first reading adopting the FY 2019/2020 City of Brownwood annual budget.

Assistant Finance Director, Melanie Larose, stated that the 19/20 proposed City Manager budget was published on July 30, 2019. Council held budget workshops on August 1 and 6, 2019 which resulted in some changes, including increasing capital expenditures. Two public hearings on the budget were held on August 27 and September 3, 2019, to receive input from the public. The proposed budget is for \$36,280,868, an increase of 2.66% from the prior year. The summary budget is available on our website, in the City Secretary's office, and at the Brownwood Public Library. A copy of the detailed budget is available for review upon request and is also available on our website and in the City Secretary's office.

Mayor Haynes asked if anyone desired to speak. There being none, he asked for the City Secretary to read the ordinance. After the reading of the ordinance, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by McMillian, to approve the ordinance on *first reading* to approve the ordinance adopting the FY 2019/2020 budget. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
 BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY'S FY 19/20 BUDGET.

Consider an ordinance on first reading levying taxes for the year 2019 for the City of Brownwood.

Mrs. Larose stated that the Council voted on August 27, 2019, to place a proposal to adopt a proposed tax rate of .7869 per \$100 valuation on the agenda of the September 17, 2019, and September 24, 2019, meetings as action items. This tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate of .7602 per \$100 valuation by 3.4%. As a result, we are required by Section 26.05 of the state tax code to use very specific wording in the motion to adopt the tax rate and in the ordinance adopting the tax rate. The required public notice was placed in the Brownwood Bulletin and City web-site on August 28, 2019. Council held public hearings on the proposed tax rate on September 5, 2019, and September 10, 2019. State law requires wording in the ordinance that addresses the Maintenance and Operations component of this tax rate independent of the Interest and Sinking portion for bond payments and the effect of that increase on a \$100,000 house.

Mayor Haynes asked if anyone desired to speak. There being none, he asked for the City Secretary to read the ordinance. After the reading of the ordinance, a motion was made by Willey, seconded by Jones, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .7869 cents per \$100 valuation on first reading, which is effectively a 3.4% increase in the tax rate. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously. At this time, Mayor Haynes took a record vote as follows:

For:	Against:
Miller, Jones, Mathis, McMillian, Willey	None

ORDINANCE NO. 19-
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2019 FOR THE CITY
OF BROWNWOOD, TEXAS; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR
DELINQUENCIES.

Consider an ordinance on first reading setting utility rates for FY 2019/2020 for the City of Brownwood.

Mrs. Larose stated that the Utility Rate Ordinance sets rates for water, sewer, sanitation and landfill services. The water base rate is being increased by \$3.00 per month for a ¾" residential meter with proportionate increases for larger meters. The consumption water rate will be unchanged. The sewer rate is being increased by 3%. The monthly minimum will increase from \$26.88 to \$27.68, an increase of 80¢ per month. The sanitation rate is being increased by 3%. The monthly residential rate will increase from \$21.74 to \$22.39, an increase of 65¢ per month. Commercial rates will also increase by 3%. The landfill gate rate will increase by \$2.00 per ton, from \$42.00 per ton to \$44.00. The pickup and trailer load disposal fee at the Citizens Convenience Center will increase from \$7.00 to \$10.00. Rates for roll-off container rentals, hotshots, tire disposal, and dumpster cleaning fees will also increase slightly. Utility account deposits will increase to cover the increased fees described above.

Mayor Haynes asked if anyone desired to speak. There being none, he asked for the City Secretary to read the ordinance. After the reading of the ordinance, a motion was made by

McMillian, seconded by Mathis, to approve the ordinance on *first reading* setting charges, fees, rates and deposits for customers on the Brownwood water, sewer and sanitation system for FY 2019/2020. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-

AN ORDINANCE SETTING CHARGES, FEES, RATES AND DEPOSITS FOR CUSTOMERS ON THE BROWNWOOD WATER, SEWER, AND SANITATION SYSTEM; DESIGNATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Consider an ordinance on *first reading* setting fees, rentals, licenses, and permits for FY 2019/2020 for the City of Brownwood

Mrs. Larose stated that the Miscellaneous Fee Ordinance sets fees for almost all other City services not addressed in the Utility Rate Ordinance. The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Fire Department Billing Fees (page 2) – this section is being deleted. We are now using a FEMA rate schedule, so this section is redundant.
2. Plumbing Permits and Fees (page 5) – three redundant lines are being removed. Two fees for backwater valves and a customer service inspection fee required by the TCEQ have been added
3. Mechanical Permit Fees (page 5) – one line that is not needed is being removed. A fee for chiller installation or relocation has been added.
4. Building Permit Fees (page 6) – this section has been reorganized for clarity to separate residential from commercial fees and to show permit and inspection services for electrical work separately. No changes were made to the actual fees.
5. Platting Fees (page 8) – the wording was changed to base the recording fee on the Brown County fee schedule.
6. Facility rental and other fees (pages 9 – 14) – rental fees for almost all City facilities have increased, many by as much as 25%. These include the Brownwood Coliseum, Depot, Transportation Museum, Adams Street Community Center, Coliseum Annex, Bennie Houston Recreation Center, Camp Bowie Gymnasium, the various park pavilions, the Aquatic Center and airport hangars and offices. Some service fees have also increased. Most of these fees have not increased for almost ten years.

These changes were discussed with the Council during the August 27 workshop.

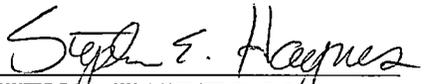
Mayor Haynes asked if anyone desired to speak. There being none, he asked for the City Secretary to read the ordinance. After the reading of the ordinance, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Miller, to approve the ordinance on *first reading* setting charges for fees, rentals, licenses and permits for the City of Brownwood for FY 2019/2020. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-

AN ORDINANCE SETTING CHARGES FOR FEES, RENTALS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS FOR THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD; DESIGNATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

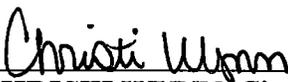
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Haynes declared the meeting adjourned.



STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary