

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
City Council
September 7, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

Stephen E. Haynes	:	Mayor
HD Jones	:	Council Member Ward 1
Ed McMillian	:	Council Member Ward 2
Melody Nowowiejski	:	Council Member Ward 3
Walker Willey	:	Council Member Ward 5
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

with Council Member, Draco Miller, 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 Council Member Jones.
INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Council Member Nowowiejski.
CITIZENS PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed City of Brownwood budget for FY 2021/22 to receive input from the public. Following the public hearing, Council may consider adopting an ordinance on first reading approving the budget for FY 2021/22.

Mayor Haynes opened the public hearing.

Finance Director, Melanie Larose, gave the budget presentation (same as the 9:00 a.m. meeting).

Mayor Haynes asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak. There being none, he closed the public hearing and asked the City Secretary to read the ordinance. A motion was made by Willey, seconded by McMillian, to approve the ordinance on first reading, approving, and adopting the budget for the City of Brownwood for fiscal year 2021/2022. At this time Mayor Haynes called for a record vote: Each Council Member stated, "I vote for the budget ordinance."

For	Against
Jones, Nowowiejski, McMillian, Willey	None

Mayor Haynes stated that since the budget will raise more property tax revenue than the budget for the previous fiscal year, the Council must take a separate ratification vote on the

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budget ordinance. At this time each Council Member stated “I ratify my vote for the ordinance approving the budget ordinance for fiscal year 2021/2022.

For	Against
Jones, Nowowiejski, McMillian, Willey	None

ORDINANCE NO. 21-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY’S FY 21/22 BUDGET.

Mayor Haynes stated that we are going up by 1.3% in the budget, and the tax take by 2.5%, but according to the Texas Truth and Taxation laws, we are required to post a 5.9% increase. He and the Council Members expressed displeasure in the reporting system.

Council shall hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 5.9% by adopting the proposed tax rate of \$.7317 per \$100 value. Following the public hearing, Council may consider adopting an ordinance on first reading approving the tax rate for the tax year 2021.

Mayor Haynes opened the public hearing.

Finance Director, Melanie Larose, stated that the No New Revenue (NNR) tax rate is \$.6908 per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate is \$.7317 per \$100 valuation which exceeds the NNR tax rate by 5.9%. The proposed tax rate is a reduction from last year of \$.0131 or 1.76%. This is the second year for a decrease in the tax rate.

Being no one to speak, Mayor Haynes closed the public hearing and asked the City Secretary to read the ordinance. A motion was made by Nowowiejski, seconded by Willey, to approve the ordinance on first reading, for the property tax rate to increase by the adoption of a tax rate, \$.7317, which is effectively a 5.9% increase in the tax rate as set forth in the ordinance as required to be reported by state mandate, but does not accurately represent the tax rate increase. At this time Mayor Haynes called for a record vote:

For	Against
Jones, Nowowiejski, McMillian, Willey	None

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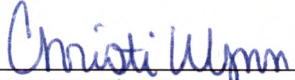
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR
2021 FOR THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR
ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Haynes declared the meeting adjourned.



STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST: 

CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary