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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

WORKSHOP SESSION

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

July 26, 2023

The City Council of Bridge City met in a special meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Rutledge called the City Council Special Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Reed
Council Member Aaron Roccaforte
Council Member Bryant Champagne
Council Member Patty Collins
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Sherby Dixon

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
Finance Director Karen Morgan
Personnel/Purchasing Director Kim Tucker
Interim City Manager/Public Works Director Mike Lund
Police Chief Tod McDowell
Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Council Member Champagne.

3. PLEDGES TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Rutledge led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and to the State of Texas flag. At the conclusion of the pledges, Mayor Rutledge thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

4. WORKSHOP SESSION - ITEM FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

(a) Discussion of the City of Bridge City 2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year Budget

Ms. Morgan explained how the budget works and presented an overview of the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget. Ms. Morgan also presented an overview of the 2023-2024 tax rate.

Ms. Morgan went over the revenues and expenditures, and she gave Mayor and City Council options to help balance the 2023-2024 budget with the following items:

Expenditures

Across the Board-2% wage increase	\$104,245
Across the Board-3% wage increase	\$156,368
Insurance for dependent coverage (50% Child/Spouse/Family)	\$100,000
Purchasing-Equipment Under \$5,000	\$ 2,000
City Manager Pay Increase \$40,000	\$ 51,212
\$30,000	\$ 38,409
City Secretary-Cert Pay	\$ 384
Court-Cert Pay (2@\$175 per month)	\$ 5,377
Street-Capital-light equipment (Side by side to spray weeds)	\$ 20,000
Street-Repairs to maintenance shop (200,000 BTU shop heater)	\$ 125,000
Finance Director Pay Increase \$30,000	\$ 38,221
\$25,000	\$ 31,851
Finance-Office Equipment under \$5,000 (Laptop)	\$ 2,000
Finance-Financial Assistant (A/P & PR, Utility Clerk-train for director)	\$ 6,178
Animal Control-on call pay	\$ 19,300
Animal Control-Equipment under \$5,000 field (storage shed)	\$ 1,100
Animal Control-Equipment under \$5,000 office (exhaust fan)	\$ 1,200
(Wall & ceiling heater)	\$ 4,000
Animal Control-Repairs & Maintenance Building-(roof, fence & shelter)	\$ 20,000
Parks & Recreation-Repairs & Maintenance-Community Center (doors)	\$ 14,000
Library-do not fill Librarian position	\$ 69,439
Library-Add part time clerk @ 24 hours per week	\$ 23,696
Library-Add 5 hours per week-operating hours	\$ 15,791
Library-Repair & Maintenance building (bathroom wall)	\$ 1,200
Library-Capital for office equipment (multifunction copier)	\$ 8,500
Add Sr. Clerk position	\$ 5,912
Public Works Director-Flood Plain Admin Certification	\$ 2,689
Water Production/Water Quality Tech	\$ 5,326
Increase overtime for water department	\$ 10,242
Longevity-unlimited	\$ 1,384

Revenues

Property tax revenue increase	\$ 125,000
Increase price for City to install culverts	\$ 6,000
Increase demolition reimbursement revenue	\$ 3,000
Rental of City buildings-unknown at this time	
Sewer revenue increase	\$ 100,000
Garbage rate-CPI Inc from Republic	\$ 56,000
Tap fees-double outside of city limits	
Utility-Use of reserves-one time purchases	\$ 273,000

Water Department-replace fence	\$ 20,000
Water Department-lawnmower	\$ 8,000
Water Department- dump truck	\$145,000
Sewer Department-rehab lift stations & buy pumps	\$100,000

There were other minor line item adjustments throughout the budget.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

