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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

WORKSHOP SESSION

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

July 31, 2023

The City Council of Bridge City met in a special meeting on Monday, July 31, 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 Terri Gauthier
Council Member Sherby Dixon

ABSENT: Council Member Patty Collins

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

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

2. INVOCATION

Invocation given by Council Member Terri Gauthier.

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 gave the City Council an update on the tax rate information. She said the revenues for the 2023-2024 budget year were \$12,582,754 and the expenditures were \$12,582,754. Ms. Morgan presented to the City Council a balanced budget for the 2023-2024 budget year. She gave the notable changes for the proposed budget, they were as follows:

Expenditures:

3% across the board raise
Major Repair Expenses
Lease Expenses
Capital Equipment

Revenues:

Property tax revenue increase
Water Revenue increase
Sewer Revenue increase (growth & usage and an increase for sewer rate)
Sanitation Revenue increase to cover the anticipated 4% CPI increase
Council Authorized use of Utility Fund Reserves for one time purchases

Ms. Morgan explained to the Council the City could not budget for dependent coverage this year, because the insurance enrollment date is in July. The budget does not go into effect until October 1st and employees would not be able to enroll their families until next July. She said monies were budgeted for two months for next year, and the remaining of the funds were disbursed in various accounts of the budget.

After lengthy discussion of the above items, no changes were presented for the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

