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| CARL HARBERT <i>Council Member, Place 1</i> | DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i> | ERIC ANDRUS <i>Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Member, Place 4</i> |
| KIRK ROCCAFORTE <i>Council Member, Place 2</i> |  | TERRI GAUTHIER <i>Council Member, Place 5</i> |
| TAMMI FISETTE <i>Council Member, Place 3</i> | | LUCY FIELDS <i>Council Member, Place 6</i> |

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WORKSHOP SESSION
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
July 26, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a special meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2018, 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 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
Council Member Carl Harbert
Council Member Kirk Roccaforte
Council Member Tammi Fisette
Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Andrus
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jerry D. Jones
City Secretary Sherry Tisdale
Finance Director Karen Morgan
Personnel/Purchasing Director Jeanie McDowell
Chief Paul T. Davis
Mike Lund, Utility Superintendent
Mike Die, Asst. Utility Superintendent

Mayor Rutledge made certain that Council had read their informational page regarding the death of Pat Brandon and the funeral plans. He said she was a sweet lady and she and Norris were great neighbors.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG

Item skipped.

3. WORKSHOP SESSION - ITEM FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

(a) *Discussion of the City of Bridge City 2018 - 2019 Fiscal Year Budget*

DISCUSSION BASED ON THE FINAL ESTIMATED CALCULATIONS FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR

Mayor Rutledge stated that he understands there were some changes in the numbers.

Mr. Jones said they were talking about the taxes that were going to be levied at the last meeting. He then referred Council to the hand-out they were given. Ms. Morgan did not have solid numbers at the last meeting but she did get them this time. When the values go down, the rates go up. Mr. Jones reported that the value went down almost \$6 million. This is the bad news. The good news is only about \$2 million really will affect the City. With this going down, the rollback goes up. The rate that the City has to enact to be able to get the same amount of money as the City got last year went up. That being said, with the City going up below rollback, it will enable the City to get another \$74,000. If the Council chooses to do this, one option would be to go ahead and purchase the additional police car and could also get one of the pickup trucks- wouldn't be able to get both trucks. What Council could do is get the one pickup truck and take \$25,000 out of the Water and Sewer Department reserves. This way they will be able to get both trucks and the police car. The property tax rate would go to \$0.54700, effective tax rate is \$0.52633, and rollback tax rate would be \$0.54760.

Mr. Jones explained how that Ms. Morgan received the tax figures from the Tax Assessor's office and they were all wrong. She called them back and had them correct it. They corrected them and sent them back to Ms. Morgan and they were all wrong again. Ms. Morgan called the Tax Assessor's office again. Mr. Jones said they have correct numbers now. Ms. Morgan has everything in line if Council wants to enact the recommendation of an additional \$74,000. There will be some minor changes in some of the pages and staff will do those and have them back to Council before the budget is passed. Discussion was held on whether to consider this recommendation.

Council Member Fisette had questions/discussion regarding the following:

- monitoring fee for the Police & Court Building
- money budgeted for the water meter system - she asked if the \$66,000 will fix the meter system upgrade issue. Mr. Jones answered that the system has never worked right. He and staff are in contact with the people who furnish this reading system. There are roughly 1500 that aren't working right now. Mr. Jones said he thinks they have finally gotten their attention. He said he's not sure what will have to be done but the money will be there to do it. Initially they said there were so many not being read because of the antenna, then the City was hit by lightning, then something else happened. It's been something ever since it was put in. Hopefully they have the right people who will be down to get 100% of the system reading. Staff has had to go and manually read meters at one time.
- Public Works Director's salary
- Professional services: \$17,000 to \$20,000 this year - money to pay engineers and any other professional people

- Warrant service fees: only paid out \$150

Mr. Jones asked Council what their feelings were on the additional \$74,000. Council was receptive to the idea. Mr. Jones said Ms. Morgan will make the changes to the budget and get the changes to Council.

4. ADJOURN

Workshop Session was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary