

## **Brenham City Council Minutes**

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on September 17, 2018 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

### Members present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.  
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel  
Councilmember Susan Cantey  
Councilmember Danny Goss  
Councilmember Keith Herring

### Members absent:

Councilmember Albert Wright  
Position 5 - Vacant

### Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary I Kacey Weiss, Deputy City Secretary II Karen Stack, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Comptroller Stacy Hardy, Human Resources Director Susan Nienstedt, Debbie Gaffey, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker and Lloyd Powell

### Citizens present:

None

### Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; and Josh Blaschke, KWHI

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – Mayor Pro Tem Ebel**
- 3. Citizens Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### 4. **Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018 and Ending September 30, 2019**

**This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an estimated \$268,777 (4.15%), and of that amount, \$84,022 is tax revenue to be raised from estimated new property added to the tax roll this year.**

Mayor Tate opened the Public Hearing.

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller stated the FY19 Proposed Budget for the City of Brenham includes appropriations of operating resources for 30 separate funds and authorizes \$69.9 million in expenditures. Miller explained that the budget represents a one-year financial commitment of resources needed to implement multi-year strategic initiatives. Miller noted that the biggest operating expenditure is for personnel.

Mayor Tate closed the Public Hearing.

## REGULAR SESSION

### 5. **Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Ratification of the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018 and Ending September 30, 2019, which Raises More Revenue from Property Taxes than the Previous Year's Budget**

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller advised that in compliance with the Local Government Code, if a municipal budget raises more property taxes than in the previous year's budget, City Council must formally ratify a property tax increase.

Miller noted that the FY2018-19 budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$268,777 (4.15%), and of that amount \$84,022 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Miller stated that a vote must be taken to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Cantey to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019, which raises more revenue from property taxes than the previous year's budget.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
<b>Councilmember Albert Wright</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Position 5 - Vacant	

**6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018 and Ending September 30, 2019**

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller advised that the proposed FY2018-19 budget has been developed in compliance with the property tax code, local government code, and City Charter. Miller stated the proposed budget includes appropriations of operating resources for 30 separate funds and authorizes \$69.9 million in expenditures. Miller explained that the proposed budget is on the City’s website and on file with the City Secretary.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to approve Ordinance on its First Reading Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018 and Ending September 30, 2019.

Mayor Tate called for a record vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
<b>Councilmember Albert Wright</b>	<b>Absent</b>
At Large - Position 5	Vacant

**7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Levying Taxes for the Tax Year 2018 for the City of Brenham at \$0.5170 per \$100 Valuation**

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller advised that the proposed FY2018-19 Budget includes a tax rate of \$0.5170 per \$100 valuation, which has two components: maintenance and operations (M&O) and interest and sinking (I&S). Miller explained that the proposed tax rate of \$0.5170 would allocate \$0.3200 to the General Fund for maintenance and operations and, the balance of \$0.1970 to the Debt Service Fund for interest and sinking.

Miller noted that the City has complied with all of the notices, publications, and public hearings as required by the Tax Code. Miller stated that pursuant to the Tax Code, the vote on the ordinance setting a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate must be a record vote, and at least 60 percent of the members of the governing body must vote in favor of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel and seconded by Councilmember Goss that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5170 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 3.03% increase in the tax rate.

Mayor Tate called for a record vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
<b>Councilmember Albert Wright</b>	<b>Absent</b>
At Large, Position 5	Vacant

#### 8. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

The meeting was adjourned.

*Milton Y. Tate, Jr.*

Mayor

*Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC*

City Secretary

