

## **Brenham City Council Minutes**

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on August 14, 2019 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

### Members present:

Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel  
Councilmember Susan Cantey  
Councilmember Adonna Saunders  
Councilmember Keith Herring  
Councilmember Albert Wright  
Councilmember Clint Kolby

### Members absent:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

### Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, City Secretary – Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary I Kacey Weiss, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Comptroller Stacy Hardy, Strategic Budget Officer Debbie Gaffey, Budget Manager Kaci Konieczny, Director of Tourism and Marketing Jennifer Eckermann, Melinda Gordon, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Allwin Barrow, Development Services Director Stephanie Doland and Economic Development Director Susan Cates

### Citizens present:

None

### Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – City Manager James Fisher**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **3. Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.5140 per \$100 Valuation for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2019 and Ending September 30, 2020**

Mayor Pro Tem Ebel opened the Public Hearing.

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller advised that a property tax rate of \$0.5140 per \$100 valuation is proposed to fund the FY2019-20 Budget. Miller stated that \$0.3200 will be for maintenance and operations and the balance of \$0.1940 will be for debt service. Miller explained that the increase in property taxes will be used for the purpose of public safety and infrastructure maintenance and improvements.

Miller advised that to be in compliance with the Property Tax Code, the Council must hold two public hearings to receive citizen comments on the proposed property tax rate. Miller noted that at each hearing, the Council must announce the date, time, and place of the meeting at which it will vote on the tax rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebel announced that the first reading of the Ordinance to adopt the tax rate will be during a Special Council meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, located at 200 W. Vulcan Street. The second reading of the Ordinance and adoption of the tax rate is scheduled for a Regular Council meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall, located at 200 W. Vulcan Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebel closed the Public Hearing.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Andrew Ebel*

Mayor Pro Tem

*Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC*

City Secretary

