

Brenham City Council Minutes

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, Roberta C. Johnson Program Room, at 100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, Brenham, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby
Councilmember Shannan Canales
Councilmember Leah Cook
Councilmember Atwood Kenjura
Councilmember Adonna Saunders

Members Absent:

Councilmember Albert Wright

City of Brenham Staff present:

City Manager James Fisher, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Assistant City Manager – Public Services/Utilities Donald Reese, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Director of Development Services Stephanie Doland, Director of Public Utilities Alton Sommerfield, Director of Economic Development Susan Cates, Police Chief Ron Parker, Police Captain Dant Lange, Interim Fire Chief Rhea Cooper, Controller Stacy Hardy, Human Resources Director Susan Nienstedt, Tourism and Marketing Director Jennifer Eckermann, Strategic Budget Officer Debbie Gaffey, Information Technology Manager Kevin Schmidt, Jennifer Hill, Cynthia Longhofer and Nancy Stafford.

Citizens/Others Present:

None

Media Present:

Alyssa Faykus, Brenham Banner Press; and Mark Whitehead, KWHI

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Update from Washington County Chief Appraiser

Washington County Chief Appraiser Dyann White gave the City Council an update on the expected property valuations for 2021.

3. FY2021-22 Proposed Budget Discussions – General Fund

City Manager James Fisher welcomed the Council and presented the following FY2021-22 proposed budget information:

- Economic Outlook
 - Post-pandemic recovery period
 - Budget focus
- Total FY21-22 Budget
 - \$75.1 Million in expenditures
 - \$65.2 Million in revenues
 - \$8.6 Million in other funding sources
 - \$1.3 Million in reserves
- Personnel
 - 25% of \$75.1 Million budget
 - 244 full-time employees
 - Budget includes Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) True-Up, a 2% cost-of-living adjustment, and 12 new positions.
- Catch-Up Spending
 - Using excess General Fund reserves for vehicles/large equipment, electric line burial, facility maintenance, audio/visual and IT upgrades.
- New Tax-Supported Debt
 - New fire truck, street equipment, facility improvements at City Hall and street projects.
- New Revenue-Supported (Utility) Debt
 - Lake intake structure, lift stations and sewer mains.
- Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC)
 - Parks/Recreation Funded Projects
 - Economic Development Budget
- Airport Capital Projects
- Tourism & Marketing Budget
- General Fund Revenues
- General Fund Property Tax
 - Propose \$0.02 decrease in rate (from \$0.5040 to \$0.4840)
- General Fund – Utility Funds Support/Transfers

- General Fund Department Budgets
 - Marketing and Public Relations
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Library
 - Aquatic Center
 - Administration
 - Development Services
 - Human Resources
 - Maintenance
 - Finance
 - Purchasing and Central Warehouse
 - Municipal Court
 - General Government Services
 - Information Technology
 - Animal Services
 - Streets
 - Airport
 - Communications/Public Safety
 - Police
 - Fire

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary



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