

#### CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS CITY COUNCIL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019 12:00 P.M. - 955 PINEY POINT ROAD

# **MINUTES**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian Muecke called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brian T. Muecke

Councilmember Harry J. FolloderKelly Johnson, City Admin./Secr.-TreasurerCouncilmember Dane JohnsonDavid Gott, Police ChiefCouncilmember Susan MathewsPaul Warner, Police CaptainCouncilmember Shirley Rouse (left at 12:49 p.m.)Lisa Modisette, Assistant City Secretary

Absent: None

# 2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET

Kelly Johnson, City Administrator, City Secretary-Treasurer, reviewed the proposed budget including the estimated revenues and estimated expenditures. The following revenues and expenditures were reviewed:

- The revenues are proposed as follows:
  - 1. Ad Valorem tax rate will be at the rollback rate of \$0.313460. Due to an increase in property values, there will be an estimated increase of \$188,000 in property tax revenue.
  - 2. Sales tax has remained flat the past couple of years. The estimate for the sales tax will be \$1,895,000.
  - 3. Franchise fees will include a new commercial solid waste franchise fee estimated at \$70,000 and a loss of approximately \$10,000 due to Senate Bill 1152 relating to telecommunication companies.
  - 4. Ambulance reimbursement has been kept by the Village Fire Department the past year and a half. The loss in revenue will be approximately \$51,000.
  - 5. Motel Occupancy Tax will no longer be collected due to Memorial Inn and Suites being demolished. The revenue loss is approximately \$20,000.
  - 6. Court revenue is down based on a two year average.
- The expenses are proposed as follows:

- 1. Personnel expenses are estimated to increase due to a proposed four percent salary increase and an estimated fifteen percent increase in health care insurance.
- 2. \$15,000 to finish the audio upgrade in the court/council chamber.
- 3. The third installment of \$13,038 in a five year payment plan for body cameras.
- 4. The third year installment of \$7,728 in a five year payment plan for in-car cameras.
- 5. The fourth year installment of \$7,344 in a five year payment plan for Tasers.
- 6. \$12,000 for six automatic license plate readers.
- 7. \$100,000 for two replacement patrol vehicles.
- 8. \$25,000 for one replacement unmarked detective vehicle.
- 9. \$26,000 to replace three computer servers.
- 10. Final payment of \$46,800 to TxDOT per the I-10 Noise Reduction Agreement.
- 11. \$40,000 for Beautification Committee projects to include the final portion of the Campbell Road Esplanade Project.
- 12. \$14,000 for watering the 140 trees to be planted along the I-10 Frontage Road.
- 13. \$174,200 budgeted for the Reserve Fund.
- 14. \$277,500 for the estimated City of Hedwig Village additional portion to complete the Village Fire Department renovation.

Chief Gott discussed the license plate readers the police department is requesting. He stated the placement of the license plate readers at various points within the City, together with the readers the Memorial Village Police Department already has in place, will cover the residential areas in all four Cities on the south side of the freeway.

Mayor, Councilmembers, and Chief Gott discussed the possibility of purchasing additional license plate readers to also cover the commercial district.

Mayor and Councilmembers discussed and agreed to postpone the tree planting along the I-10 Frontage Road.

Mayor Muecke suggested moving the \$14,000 earmarked for the tree watering to the Park line item.

Mayor and Councilmembers discussed the history of drainage projects within the City.

Mayor and Councilmembers discussed ending the recycling service. The decision was made to keep the service.

Mayor and Councilmembers discussed the upcoming budget workshops. The decision was made to cancel the budget workshop scheduled for August 29, 2019 and to change the time for the budget meeting scheduled for September 5, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### 3. ADJOURN

Councilmember Woodruff moved, Councilmember Folloder seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Councilmembers Folloder, Johnson, Mathews, and Woodruff voted "Aye", "Noes" none.

# **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Approved and accepted on September 19, 2019.

Brian T. Muecke, Mayor

ATTEST:

isa Modisette, Asst. City Secretary