

## CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP JULY 22, 2021 5:30 P.M. - 955 PINEY POINT ROAD

## **MINUTES**

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order or Proclamation dated March 13, 2020 and continued monthly by Executive Orders or Proclamations to the most recent Proclamation dated July 1, 2021 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to minimize face-to-face contact, the City of Hedwig Village held the July 22, 2021 City Council Meeting in person with several participants joining the meeting via Zoom, as noted below.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jinks called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Present: Mayor Tom Jinks

Councilmember Scott Davis Councilmember Harry J. Folloder Councilmember Shirley Rouse

Councilmember Matt Woodruff

Kelly Johnson, City Admin./Secr.-

Treas.

David Gott, Police Chief

Lisa Modisette, Asst. City Secretary

Absent: Councilmember Dane Johnson

#### 2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET.

Kelly Johnson, City Administrator, City Secretary-Treasurer, reviewed the budget structure, the proposed revenues, expenses, the summary of the General Fund, the summary of departmental expenses, the reserve schedule, the End of Year estimates for Fiscal Year 2021, and the Debt Service.

The estimated expenses for the Proposed 2022 Budget include:

- Final payment for police department (PD) body cameras, in-car cameras, and the Incode software installation.
- Annual expense for license plate readers.
- Upgrade to a virtual reality software for the PD simulator.
- Purchase three new PD vehicles.
- Increase in the monthly salary for the health inspector.
- Increase to the Reserve Fund.
- Increase to the Infrastructure Fund.
- Decrease in the Beautification budget.

- Replace the mosquito fogging machine.
- Increase in personnel expenses, such as a five percent increase in salaries, health insurance increase, and an increase in the City's contribution to the TMRS employee retirement plan.

The estimated revenues for the Proposed 2022 Budget include:

- Projected increase in ad valorem taxes due to improved properties in the City.
- Projected increase in sales tax.
- Possible funds received via the America Recue Plan (Corona Relief funds) to be used for storm water infrastructure.

Councilmember Folloder requested the Beautification budget not be reduced. He stated the funds could be spent throughout the City to improve the landscaping for the enjoyment of the residents. He also suggested the City increase the City's contribution to the 457 retirement plan for the employee instead of the increase to TMRS.

Chief Gott stated the benefits offered at other area police agencies are better than the benefit at Hedwig Village. He stated other agencies offer a higher contribution to TMRS and offer COLA and the starting salaries are higher. Hedwig Village does not offer COLA through TMRS.

Councilmember Rouse requested backup documentation to justify the pay increases for the employees.

# 3. DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE THAT WILL EXCEED THE NO NEW REVENUE TAX RATE.

Kelly Johnson reviewed the various tax rates as specified by the Texas Tax Code, as amended. The various tax rate are as follows:

No-New Revenue Rate \$0.388045
Adjusted-no Increase tax rate \$0.351568
Voter Approval tax rate \$0.361810
Voter Approval tax rate at 8% \$0.374980
De-Minis tax rate \$0.392769

**4. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING** – The City Council will discuss and consider possible action of the following:

A public hearing has been scheduled for September 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the September City Council Meeting.

### 5. ADJOURN

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Motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Woodruff to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

# **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Approved and accepted on August 19, 2021.

ATTEST:

Tom Jinks, Mayor

isa Modisette, Asst. City Secretary