

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
City Council
August 29, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

Stephen E. Haynes	:	Mayor
HD Jones	:	Councilmember Ward 1
Ed McMillian	:	Councilmember Ward 2
Melody Nowowiejski	:	Councilmember Ward 3
Draco A. Miller	:	Councilmember Ward 4
Walker Willey	:	Councilmember Ward 5
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

with Council Member, Draco Miller, absent, constituting a quorum of the City Council.

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember McMillian.
INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Councilmember Willey.
CITIZENS PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:
Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed City of Brownwood budget for FY 2023/24 to receive input from the public. Upon completion of the public hearing, the Council may adopt the ordinance on first reading approving the FY 2023/24 budget.

Mayor Haynes opened the public hearing.
 Finance Director, Melanie Larose, gave an abbreviated presentation since there was no one from the public attending the meeting and no one attending by Zoom.

Mayor Haynes asked if anyone else from the audience would like to speak. There being none, he closed the public hearing and asked the City Secretary to read the ordinance. A motion was made by McMillian, seconded by Willey, to approve the ordinance on first reading, approving, and adopting a budget for the City of Brownwood for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. At this time Mayor Haynes called for a record vote: Each Councilmember stated, "I vote for the budget ordinance."

For	Against	Absent
Jones, McMillian, Nowowiejski, Miller, Willey	None	None

Mayor Haynes stated that since the budget will raise more property tax revenue than the budget for the previous fiscal year, the Council must take a separate ratification vote on the budget ordinance. At this time each Council Member stated “I ratify my vote for the ordinance approving the budget ordinance for fiscal year 2023/2024.

For	Against
Jones, Nowowiejski, McMillian, Miller, Willey	None

ORDINANCE NO. 23-
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY'S FY 23/24 BUDGET.

Council shall hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 3.79% by adopting the proposed tax rate of \$.6659 per \$100 value. Following the public hearing, Council will announce dates for formal adoption of the tax rate ordinance for the tax year 2023 on first reading on September 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., and on second and third/final reading on September 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

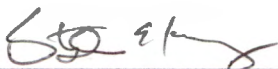
Mayor Haynes opened the public hearing.

Finance Director, Melanie Larose, stated that the No New Revenue (NNR) tax rate is \$.64092 per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate is \$.66590 per \$100 valuation which exceeds the No New Revenue tax rate by 3.90%. The proposed tax rate is a reduction from last year of \$.02050 or 2.99%. This is the fourth year for a decrease in the tax rate and the lowest rate since 1994.

There were no citizens in the audience. Mayor Haynes closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Willey, seconded by McMillian, to set the tax rate ordinance for the tax year 2023 on first reading on September 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., and on second and third/final reading on September 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

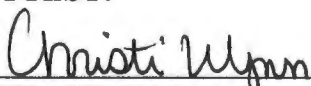
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Haynes declared the meeting adjourned.



STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary