

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
City Council
August 30, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 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
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 2022/23 to receive input from the public. Upon completion of the public hearing, the Council may adopt the ordinance on first reading.

Mayor Haynes opened the public hearing.

Finance Director, Melanie Larose, gave the budget presentation (same as the 9:00 a.m. meeting).

Suzy Flores with the SALSA organization addressed Council asking them not to forget about the requests they submitted for Wiggins Park. Mayor Haynes explained that this year the main focus was to get employees pay to market value. He reminded them that the City spent \$170,000 on refurbishing Wiggins Pool.

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 2022/2023. 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, Willey	None	Miller

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 2022/2023.

For	Against
Jones, Nowowiejski, McMillian, Willey	None

ORDINANCE NO. 21-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY’S FY 22/23 BUDGET.

Mayor Haynes stated that the Council must take a separate ratification vote on the budget since that budget will raise total property tax revenue. Since this budget will raise more total property tax revenue than the budget for the previous fiscal year, the Council must take a separate ratification vote on the budget ordinance. Mayor Haynes asked each councilmember to state if they are for or against approving the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Councilmembers Willey, McMillian, Nowowiejski, and Jones stated “I ratify my vote for the ordinance approving the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Council shall hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 10.74% by adopting the proposed tax rate of \$.6864 per \$100 value. Following the public hearing, Council will announce dates for formal adoption of the tax rate ordinance for tax year 2022 on first reading on September 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., and on second and third/final reading on September 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

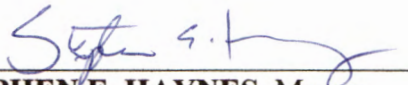
Mayor Haynes opened the public hearing.

Finance Director, Melanie Larose, stated that the No New Revenue (NNR) tax rate is \$.6280 per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate is \$.6864 per \$100 valuation which exceeds the No New Revenue tax rate by 9.29%. The proposed tax rate is a reduction from last year of \$.0453 or 6.19%. This is the third 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. No action was taken.

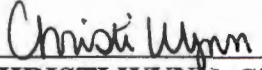
ADJOURNMENT:

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



STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary