

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
February 28, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Workshop on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 4:00 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 Miller	:	Councilmember Ward 4
Walker Willey	:	Councilmember Ward 5
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Marshal McIntosh	:	Deputy City Manager
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Amanda Coers	:	Executive Administrator

with no members absent, constituting a quorum of the City Council. Additional City staff were present: Director of Finance, Melanie Larose; Director of Municipal Development, Ray Tipton; and Director of Public Works, Henry Wied. Also present were Jake McAdams and Sara Takersley with Public Management.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

Council and City staff met to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act Funding and the Local Recovery Plan proposed by staff with consultation from Public Management. City Manager explained the City of Brownwood allocation of funds is estimated to be \$4,572,890 divided into two phases, with \$2,286,445 already received on August 23, 2021, and a second payment of \$2,286,445 expected to be received in August of 2022.

Deputy City Manager Marshal McIntosh offered a breakdown of timeline in which to use the funds as well as appropriate uses of those funds according to Federal guidelines. The four eligible use categories are: Replace lost public sector revenue, Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic, Provide premium pay for essential workers, and/or invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

The proposed local recovery plan would allocate \$1,910,000 to general services, \$340,000 for grant matches, \$850,000 to infrastructure, \$647,000 to Public Health and Safety, and \$635,000 for utilities.

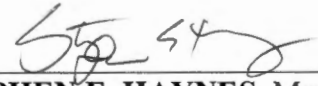
Council discussed various projects under the four proposed categories, while outlining their priorities for fund usage and projects. After discussion, Mayor Haynes summarized Council's preferred adjustments to the following:

- General Services and Grant Matches - \$2,250,000
- Infrastructure - \$1,322,890
- Public Health and Safety - \$500,000
- Utilities - \$500,000

Staff was directed to update the proposed plan for allocations and provide more details on specific projects as discussed in the workshop. The plan will be presented to the Council in March or April for approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Haynes declared the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



 STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:



 AMANDA COERS, Recording Secretary