

**SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

JULY 13, 2017

6:30 P.M.

**CLARK LIBRARY ANNEX-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 217 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 3rd FLOOR,
LOCKHART, TEXAS**

Council present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez
Councilmember Juan Mendoza
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember John Castillo
Councilmember Benny Hilburn

Council absent:

Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Staff present:

Vance Rodgers, City Manager
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director
Julie Bowermon, Civil Service Director
Bertha Martinez, Library Director

Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Rob Tobias, Economic Development Director
Lee Weatherford, Public Works Director
Shane Mondin, Building Official

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Lyle Nelson of CARTS; Holly Cunningham Kiser of HCWC; Grace Davis of HCCADA; Diana Coker, President of the LASCC Board of Directors; and, Helen Snow of CCA, Lynette Lombardo of CASA

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the special meeting/budget workshop to order on this date at 6:32 p.m.

Councilmember Hilburn gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

ITEM 2. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.

Mayor White requested citizens to address the Council. There were none.

**ITEM 3-A. PRESENTATION BY AND DISCUSSION WITH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
REQUESTING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CITY OF LOCKHART FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET.**

Mayor White requested non-profit organizations to make a presentation and there was discussion with the following:

Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS)

Lyle Nelson, Chief of Staff of CARTS, provided information about the transportation services that the organization provides to the city. He stated that CARTS is requesting a contribution in the amount of \$6,000.

Hays-Caldwell Women's Center (HCWC)

Holly Cunningham Kiser of HCWC provided information about the services that the organization provides to women in the Caldwell County area. She stated that HCWC is requesting a contribution in the amount of \$12,000.

Hays-Caldwell Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse (HCCADA)

Grace Davis of HCCADA provided information about the services and alcohol and drug abuse awareness programs that the organization offers to the community. She stated that the HCCADA is requesting a contribution in the amount of \$10,000.

Lockhart Area Senior Citizens Center (LASCC)

Diana Coker, President of the LASCC Board of Directors, provided information about the services and activities that their organization offers to seniors and citizens of the community. She stated that the LASCC is requesting a contribution in the amount of \$3,500.

Combined Community Action – Sr. Nutrition (CCA)

Helen Snow of CCA provided information about the meals that their organization delivers and provides to senior citizens in the community. She stated that the CCA is requesting a contribution in the amount of \$8,000.

CASA of Central Texas, Inc. (CASA)

Lynette Lombardo of CASA provided information about the services that their organization provides to children in the community. She stated that CASA is requesting a contribution in the amount of \$7,000.

Caldwell County Christian Ministries (CCCM)

Mr. Hinson stated that no one was present from CCCM and stated that there may have been a conflict with a work schedule. Mayor White announced that CCCM would be given another opportunity to make their presentation during the July 18 meeting.

Mayor White announced that allocations to non-profit organization would be considered during the July 27, 2017 council meeting.

ITEM 3-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 GENERAL FUND, ENTERPRISE FUND, DEBT FUND BUDGETS, AND PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES.

Staff provided information and there was discussion regarding the following department budgets:

Mayor/Council

Increase in seminar attendance and additional election expenses for the Charter amendment special election.

City Manager

Increase in newspaper publications for all departments and funds included to repair the marquee sign at City Hall.

Economic Development

Economic Development wages are paid separate through the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation budget. Funds allocated in the city budget are to accommodate opportunities for potential sales tax and property tax rebates.

Finance

Increase due to personnel to fill the Controller position.

Non-Departmental

Includes a 3% wage increase for all non-civil service employees.

Debt Service

No change to debt service at this time.

Information Systems

Increase to purchase updated virus scan software and new servers to maintain security of the city network.

Civil Service

Small increase for personnel benefits.

Community Facility

Repairs and paving to the parking lot are necessary yet funds will not be allocated during FY 18-19 budget. Funds allocated for maintenance to the building.

Library

Increase for security guard and employee benefits.

Planning

Increase for additional assistance for construction plan reviews and aerial photography.

Inspections

Increase in personnel benefits and costs associated for demolition of unsafe structures.

Airport

Funds allocated to outsource administrative services.

Animal Control

Increase for cages and tool boxes for animal shelter vehicles.

Parks

Increase to replace old tables, costs for chemicals for the city pool and to replace mowing equipment.

Public Works

Increase for personnel benefits.

Maintenance and Garage

Increase to purchase equipment necessary to keep city vehicles maintained.

Cemeteries

Increase in contract fees to mow cemeteries and to pave streets at the cemeteries.

Streets and Drainage

Increase for street sweeping, street paving, barricades and old equipment. Mr. Rodgers suggested that the council consider increasing the Transportation Infrastructure Fee (TIF) by \$2.00 per month to assist in generating funds for street repairs.

Mayor White requested that the Caldwell County Christian Ministries make their presentation during the July 18, 2017 meeting.

ITEM 3-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION CALENDAR, IF NECESSARY.

There was brief discussion regarding the schedule.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 1st day of August 2017.



CITY OF LOCKHART

Lew White

Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Constancio

Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary