

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 30, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz
Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams
Councilwomen Deborah Dyer and Lori Shierry
Councilmen Tim Sheppard and Brad Wynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager
Robert Johnson, Chief of Police
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director
David Owen, Economic Development Director
Steve Davis, Police Lieutenant
Andy Payne, Fire Chief
Sherry Fowler, Police Sergeant
Amie Schultz, Library Director
Derek Vann, Police Officer
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation.

The Mayor gave the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Budget Workshop.

It was noted this was the first of three proposed budget workshops. The City Manager briefed the Council on the information staff has received to date. On the General Fund side, the certified tax appraisal is in and reflects a two and a half percent increase. The effective tax rate is \$0.7367 per one hundred dollar evaluation and the rollback tax rate is \$0.7956 per one hundred dollar evaluation.

There was discussion on the employee health and life insurance plans. There are fourteen employees that were hired after July 15, 2014 with the City contributing \$750.00 per month towards their premium. One addition employee hired after this date is on TriCare and the City contributes \$3.05 per month for the required life insurance. There are twenty-three employees hired before July 15, 2018 that have elected employee only coverage with the City contributing \$1,350.00 monthly towards their premium. Six employees hired after July 15, 2018 have family coverage with the City contributing \$1,650.00 monthly.

The City Manager informed the Council that the City's contribution towards Texas Municipal Retirement System will see a slight decrease starting January 1, 2019. Currently the City pays \$15.38% monthly of the employees gross salary and will decrease to \$14.92%.

The Water and Sewer Fund will see a reduction in water rates paid to the City of Wichita Falls. The current fiscal year reflects a rate of \$5.03 per one thousand gallons for water from the Highway 287 line and \$6.90 per one thousand gallons from the Cypress water line. The new rates will be the same for both lines at a cost of \$4.19 per thousand gallons. Due to the new rates, the staff is planning to propose a water rate reduction for all customers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2018.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman