



**CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS
BUDGET WORKSHOP
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017
8:00 A.M. - 955 PINEY POINT ROAD**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muecke called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Brian Muecke

Councilmember Carrol McGinnis	Kelly Johnson, City Admin./Secr.-Treasurer
Councilmember Barry Putterman	Lane Standley, Building Official
Councilmember Shirley Rouse	David Gott, Police Chief
Councilmember Bob Wiener	Captain Paul Warner
Councilmember Matt Woodruff	Lisa Modisette, Asst. City Secretary

Absent: Alan Petrov, City Attorney

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET

The mayor and councilmembers discussed the changes from the previous budget workshops in regards to the revenues and expenditures relating to the Proposed 2018 Budget.

The expenditure changes included the renovations to the fire department, infrastructure for street/drainage/flood, the removal of the purchase of a maintenance truck and the associated gas costs, and the remodel of the city hall lobby. The revenue change would be from the proposed tax rate increase.

Discussion on the number of vehicles the city proposes to purchase in 2018. The police department requires four new replacement vehicles and the building official requires a new replacement vehicle.

Mayor and councilmembers discussed the salary increases for city staff and the possibility of higher sales tax for 2018. Councilmember McGinnis suggested a 3% increase for city hall staff and Councilmember Rouse suggested 2.5%. Councilmember Wiener is in favor of the proposed salary increases. Kelly Johnson stated hiring new employees is difficult due to the low salary and the retirement plan.

Councilmember McGinnis moved Councilmember Rouse seconded, that the city hall salary increases should be 3%, not 3.5%.

Councilmembers McGinnis and Rouse voted "Aye". Councilmember Putterman, Wiener, and Woodruff voted "No".

MOTION DOES NOT CARRY

Mayor and councilmembers discussed the Hedwig Village expense for the Village Fire Department (VFD) renovation. Hedwig Village will need to allocate funds of \$250,000 for the next two budget years for its portion of the cost. Another option for funding would be bond proceeds if a bond is issued for the proposed drainage work. Councilmember Wiener suggested setting aside funds for a cash reserve to fund the Village Fire Department renovation.

Mayor and councilmembers discussed the proposed drainage project. Councilmember McGinnis stated there should be a discussion with Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) concerning the new hydrologic study about water flow. Councilmember Woodruff suggested the drainage study should be completed before the city opens discussions with HCFCD.

Mayor and councilmembers discussed the proposed remodel of the lobby at city hall. Councilmember Rouse asked for more details on the remodel.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Workshop was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Councilmember Wiener moved, Councilmember Woodruff seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Councilmembers McGinnis, Putterman, Rouse, Wiener, and Woodruff voted "Aye", "Noes" none.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approved and accepted on February 8, 2018.



Brian T. Muecke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Modisette, Asst. City Secretary