

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020**

MINUTES

Call to Order- Mayor Gossett called the meeting to at 6:00PM.

Members present: Mayor Dwayne Gossett, Mayor Pro-tem Donna Hartman, Council members Dennis Green, Ronnie Snow, Bruce Leonhardt, Robbie Johnson

City Staff present: City Manager Andrew Bill, City Secretary Ophelia Rodriguez, Finance Director Kathryn Norris, Police Chief Cline, Water Director Jesse Measles, and Maintenance Director BJ Schieble

There were 3 Citizens present.

Item 1 Discuss and take appropriate action- Fire Department Request for budget amendment

City Manager Bill, on behalf of Fire Chief Williams is asking for an \$18,508.80 budget amendment, to purchase air bottles, facepieces and emergency air supply (RIC) to place the Airpaks into service. Fire Chief has come across a bargain and would like to purchase as soon as possible. City Manager Bill advised that there are funds in the Fire department budget for this purchase. There are areas in the Fire Budget line items that can be adjusted. Mayor Pro-tem Donna Hartman made the motion to approve funds to purchase within the Fire Department budget. Council member Green made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 2 FY2020/2021 Budget Workshop

City Manager Bill briefly explained the process of the tax rate: Voter Approval Rate is \$0.4787, Diminimis \$0.6084 (*is like the rollback rate*) and the No new revenue rate \$0.5647. Mr. Bill said if the City were to go passed the Diminimis rate \$0.6084, this would trigger an election, which could cause the City to be forced down by Voter Approval rate of \$0.4787. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman stated that for practical purposes this budget presented is based on \$0.5958. He advised that the Budget proposal presented is based on the tax rate .5958 the same as last year. Mr. Bill stated should this proposed budget be accepted with wages, road projects, one new vehicle for Police Department, the overage or access revenue over expenses would be \$16,000 which gives the City a safety margin. Lengthy discussion on various items: *Sales Tax is conservative, thus far it appears that Sales Tax continues to increase, *Police department submitted reduction in a few line items to include just purchasing one vehicle. *Code Enforcement- Salary was raised \$11,610, it was suggested until he gets his accreditation on plumbing, the raise for now should be only \$7500, with the remainder to follow once plumbing license has been received. *Road projects \$120,000 for the fiscal year. *Library phone line item should be taken out; library phone is not used. *Water Revenue – City Manager advised the City will be inviting Phillip Givens back on October 16 to go back over the City

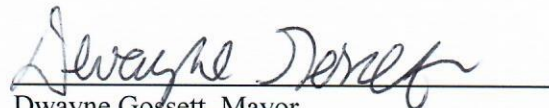
rates, budget, to advise on updates and where the City should go next. It was suggested this be discussed at the November meeting *August 25th meeting to discuss Water Wastewater project and discuss temporarily suspending water applications in the CCN, Jim Reed with CTCOG will be present to speak on his experience with the Wastewater project that was done in the Village of Salado. *Marina steps need repair (maybe replace stairwell), 2 boat docks will need changing maybe looking into it next year, Mr. Bill said City is trying to be as conservative as possible in the enterprise fund to set aside funds for items discussed. Mr. Bill said there will be a fund created and called Asset Depreciation ear marked specifically for enterprise.


Wages: With changes just noted in this budget "C", it is up to \$25,000 revenue over expenses. As discussed at earlier budget meeting, there were no issues with increase for the following: Water Superintendent Jesse Measles moving up the same salary as the Maintenance Director, Water Department Cody Arnold, Code Enforcement Jay Montgomery. Mayor Pro-tem Donna Hartman stated that Office Manager Katrice Jackson asked for an increase, which she said was well deserved. Mrs. Jackson supervises the front office staff and is the administrator of the Water department water billing. She has now taken on the Maintenance Fee updating and first and second billing which was once the responsibility of the Finance Department.

COVID 19 Emergency Coverage -Fire Department asking for part-time temporary help \$24,500, this may be reimbursed.

Police & Fire Department Wages lengthy discussion regarding not agreeing wages given across the board. Focus of Certificate pay, incentives, etc.

Adjournment: Mayor Gossett entertained a motion. Council member Dennis Green made the motion to adjourn meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Donna Hartman made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM**


Dwayne Gossett, Mayor
City of Morgan's Point Resort, Texas

ATTEST:

Ophelia Rodriguez, City Secretary
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