

# HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP MEETING  
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT  
July 22, 2019 – 6:00 PM**

**Members present:** Mayor Charlie Turner (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, Council Members Bill Fuller, Michael S. Bancale, Matthew Mevis, Steve Fortenberry, and Erica Bruce

**Staff present:** City Manager Bo Thomas, Police Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders, Fire Chief Lance Bracco, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Utilities Director Kevin Reinke, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

**Staff absent:** City Attorney Mike Dixon and City Engineer Miles Whitney

1. Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. **Briefing and discussion concerning FY 2019-2020 Proposed Budget.**

City Manager Bo Thomas prefaced the discussion by stating that he had responded to numerous emails with inquiries regarding the proposed budget and hopefully had responded to those inquiries adequately. Mr. Thomas further stated that the 2019 preliminary values for our ad valorem tax revenue had decreased by \$86,000. (Handout of summary of preliminary values provided.) The proposed budget had a positive balance of \$29,000; thus, staff had to make adjustments to the proposed budget to make up for the \$59,000 shortfall. He recommended the following adjustments to the FY 2019-2020 Proposed Budget: increase the sales tax revenues by \$15,000; reduce the Worker’s Compensation renewal rates by \$17,500; and reduce the Administration Personnel Services by \$27,000. He provided a response to discussions recommending a one percent increase in employee wages and possible impact of lowering the tax rate by two cents. City Manager Bo Thomas also distributed the 2019 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet and provided an explanation of effective tax rate and roll back rate. He expressed concern that the proposed revenue caps might force a tax rate reduction in the FY 2020-2021 budget year.

General discussion concerning revenue caps, employee raises, replacing vehicles, grants, legal expenses and tax rate.

Mayor Charlie Turner expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication to presenting a balanced budget.

3. **Adjourn.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM.

**SECOND:** Council Member Steve Fortenberry

**AYES:** Bancala, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Turner

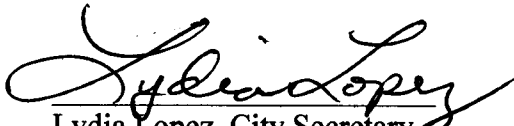
**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Fuller, Mevis, Bruce

**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: August 12, 2019

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Charles D. Turner, Mayor