

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
City Council
September 6, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

Stephen E. Haynes	:	Mayor
Ed McMillian	:	Councilmember Ward 2
Melody Nowowiejski	:	Councilmember Ward 3
Draco Miller	:	Councilmember Ward 4
Walker Willey	:	Councilmember Ward 5
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

with Councilmember HD Jones absent, constituting a quorum of the City Council.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Nowowiejski.
INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Councilmember Miller.
CITIZENS PRESENTATIONS: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Consider an ordinance on first reading setting charges for fees, rentals, licenses, and permits for the City of Brownwood for FY 22/23.

Finance Director, Melanie Larose, stated that the Miscellaneous Fee Ordinance sets fees for almost all other City services not addressed in the Utility Rate Ordinance. Included in the proposed ordinance is a new section for game room licenses and fees previously passed by the council. The section for rental fees for the Lehnis Railroad Museum and Visitor Center has been amended to remove the rental of the entire museum and party packages have been restructured. The section for rental fees for the Coliseum Annex has been removed since we no longer rent this facility out. The only other fee increases included are the health permit fees for food establishments and sanitation inspection fees.

Councilmember Nowowiejski asked about the fee in the ordinance for fire investigations. Chief Hicks explained that there is no charge for a fire investigation inside the City limits. Brown County has an investigator now. This charge remains in the ordinance if we are asked to assist the County or other Counties with investigations as our former Fire Marshal used to do.

Mayor Haynes asked the City Secretary to read the ordinance. After the reading of the ordinance, a motion was made by Willey, seconded by Miller, to approve the ordinance on first reading setting charges for fees, rentals, licenses, and permits for the City of Brownwood for FY 22/23. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-

AN ORDINANCE SETTING CHARGES FOR FEES, RENTALS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS FOR THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD; DESIGNATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Consider an ordinance on first reading setting charges, fees, rates, and deposits for customers on the Brownwood water, sewer, and sanitation system for FY 22/23.

Finance Director, Melanie Larose, stated that the Utility Rate Ordinance sets rates for water, sewer, sanitation, and landfill services. The water consumption rate is being increased \$.35 from \$2.41 to \$2.76 per 100 cubic feet. Outside city limits consumption rate is being increased from \$3.12 to \$3.58. There is a 4.5% increase applied to the rates from the FY 21/22 Utility Rate Ordinance. City of Brownwood residents will receive a discount at the landfill if proof of residency is provided. A Tap Investigation fee of \$25 has been added which will be applied to the final tap payment. A fee of \$50 has also been added for excessive brush or debris pickup.

Councilmember Nowowiejski stated that she thought we would allow commercial businesses to have one free brush pickup. City Manager Crawford stated that we do not pick up for commercial businesses as a standard practice. Councilmember Nowowiejski asked about the fee increase for large equipment tires. Mrs. Larose explained that the fee we are charged has increased and is passed on to the customer.

Mayor Haynes asked the City Secretary to read the ordinance. After the reading of the ordinance, a motion was made by Nowowiejski, seconded by McMillian, to approve the ordinance on first reading setting charges for fees, rentals, licenses, and permits for the City of Brownwood for FY 22/23. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE SETTING CHARGES, FEES, RATES, AND DEPOSITS FOR CUSTOMERS ON THE BROWNWOOD WATER, SEWER, AND SANITATION SYSTEM; DESIGNATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Consider an ordinance on first reading to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 10.74% by adopting the proposed tax rate of \$.6864 per \$100 value.

Finance Director, Melanie Larose, stated that the No-New-Revenue tax rate is \$.6280 per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate is \$.6864 per \$100 valuation which exceeds the No-New-Revenue tax rate by 9.29%. The proposed tax rate is a reduction from last year of \$.0453 or 6.19%.

Mayor Haynes asked the City Secretary to read the ordinance. A motion was made by Willey, seconded by Miller, that the property tax rate for Tax Year 2022 be increased by

the adoption of a tax rate, \$.6864, which is effectively a 10.74 percent increase in the tax rate, as set forth in the ordinance. At this time, Mayor Haynes took a record vote as follows:

For	Against	Absent
McMillian, Miller, Nowowiejski, Willey	None	Jones

ORDINANCE NO. 22-

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2022 FOR THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Consider an ordinance on second and third/final reading adopting the FY 22/23 budget.

Finance Director, Melanie Larose, stated that Council held a budget workshop on July 20, 2022, and the proposed budget was published on August 5th. A public hearing on the budget was held on August 30, 2022, to receive input from the public. The proposed budget is \$39,606,811, an increase of 8.34% from the prior year.

Mayor Haynes asked the City Secretary to read the ordinance. A motion was made by Nowowiejski, seconded by Willey, to approve the ordinance on second reading, approving, and adopting a budget for the City of Brownwood for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023. At this time, Mayor Haynes took a record vote as follows:

For	Against	Absent
McMillian, Miller, Nowowiejski, Willey	None	Jones

Mayor Haynes stated that the Council must take a separate ratification vote on the budget since that budget will raise total property tax revenue. Since this budget will raise more total property tax revenue than the budget for the previous fiscal year, the Council must take a separate ratification vote on the budget ordinance. Mayor Haynes asked each council member to state if they are for or against approving the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Councilmembers Willey, McMillian, Nowowiejski, and Miller stated "I ratify my vote for the ordinance approving the budget ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023."

A motion was made by McMillian, seconded by Miller, to approve the ordinance on third/final reading, approving, and adopting a budget for the City of Brownwood for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023. At this time, Mayor Haynes took a record vote as follows:

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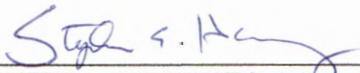
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ORDINANCE NO. 22-14

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY’S FY 22/23 BUDGET.**

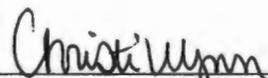
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Haynes declared the meeting adjourned.



STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary