

August 15, 2016

On this the 15th day of August 2016 at 4:30 P.M., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a work session in the Conference Room, in the City Hall, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, with the following members being present and in attendance, to-wit:

Tom Simons, Mayor
Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One
Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
Charlie Kerr, Commissioner Place Three
Linda Cumpton, Commissioner Place Four
Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five
Marcos Castro, Commissioner Place Six
Rick L. Hanna, City Manager
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

John Carson was present from the media to witness the proceedings. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager Steve Bartels and Captain Kirsten Williams.

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

ITEM 1 – Review proposed budget for FY 2016 – 2017.

City Manager Hanna went over the proposed list of capital expenditures and the proposed budget, noting included in the budget was a one and one-half percent increase as a pass through cost for garbage and a three percent cost of living adjustment. He stated insurance is going up eight percent. City Manager Hanna noted if the Commission wants to consider a two cent property tax increase, two public hearing would have to be held before the proposed rate of thirty-three cents per one hundred dollars of valuation could be adopted.

The group discussed their views on raising property taxes versus increasing water rates as a revenue source.

Mayor Simons, City Manager Hanna, and Assistant City Manager Bartels answered questions as the commissioners brought them up.

ITEM 2 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

There were no comments from the Mayor and City Commissioners.

ITEM 3 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.

There were no comments from City Staff.

ITEM 4 – Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.