

August 10, 2020

On this the 10th day of August 2020 at 5:00 P.M., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a work session in the Commission Chamber, 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
Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two (via telephone)
Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
Linda Cumpston, Commissioner Place Four
Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five
Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six
Steve Bartels, Interim City Manager
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One

No one was present from the media to witness the proceedings. Fire Marshal/EMC Dean Turney, HEDC Executive Director Wade Hawkins, and Officer Stephanie Billingsley were also in attendance.

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

ITEM 1 – Review proposed budget for FY 2020 – 2021.

Interim City Manager Bartels went over the proposed list of capital expenditures and the proposed budget, noting included in the proposed budget was a three percent cost of living adjustment, proposed capital expenditures, an estimated thirty percent increase for group health insurance (bids not in yet) and no proposed utility rate increases. Interim City Manager Bartels noted the proposed tax rate is 32 cents versus the current rate of 33 cents. He noted one public hearing is required on the proposed tax rate and this can be done at the same meeting that the tax rate is adopted.

Mayor Simons and Interim City Manager Bartels answered questions on the proposed budget 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 work session was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.