

August 16, 2021

On this the 16th day of August 2021 at 4:00 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 work session being open to the public and notice of said work session having been given as prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, with the following members being present and in attendance, to-wit:

Cathy Bunch, Mayor
Reyna Ruiz, Commissioner Place One
Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four
James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six
Steve Bartels, City Manager
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three

No one was present from the media to witness the proceedings

Mayor Bunch called the work session to order and welcomed those in attendance.

ITEM 1 – Review proposed budget for FY 2021 – 2022.

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 eight percent increase for group health insurance (bids not in yet) compared to the thirty percent increase last year, and a proposed five percent increase in water, sewer, and trash rates noting the base rates will not be increased. City Manager Bartels noted the proposed tax rate is 31 cents versus the current rate of 32 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. City Manager Bartels stated this budget includes \$100,000.00 for Main Street improvements; however, the city is limited as to what we can do. He stated problems in the sidewalks caused by the roots from the trees the city planted years ago can be fixed and we are looking at ways to rework the handicap ramps to make them more functional/accessible. He noted the new Hereford Beautification Advisory Board will give their input on suggested improvements.

Mayor Bunch pointed out the numbers on the current budget are through June 30, 2021 and 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 5:15 p.m.