

On this the 28th day of August, 2025 at 5:46 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a special session in the Commission Chamber in 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:

Cathy Bunch, Mayor  
 Rose Mary Barrett, Commissioner Place One  
 James Stow, Commissioner Place Five  
 Deven Black, Commissioner Place Six  
 Ryan Polster, City Manager  
 Wade Hawkins, Assistant City Manager  
 Franchesca Jimenez, City Secretary  
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two  
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three  
 Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four

Also in attendance was Kirsten Williams.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and Commissioner Stow lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. She called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

### **REGULAR HEARINGS:**

#### **ITEM 1 – Public Comments.**

Mayor Bunch reminded the audience of the 3-minute limit and also the rule that the public is not allowed to approach the dais and will be escorted out of the chamber after the meeting adjourns.

There were no public comments.

#### **ITEM 2 - Discuss and consider ratification of property tax rate increase reflected in the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.**

Commissioner Stow made the motion to approve the ratification of property tax rate increase. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

#### **ITEM 3 - Consider and adopt Ordinance No. 08.28.25 approving the budget for the City of Hereford and approving the budget for the Hereford Economic Development Corporation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.**

Commissioner Stow made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08.28.25. Commissioner Black seconded the motion. The city secretary conducted a roll call vote: Mayor Bunch – aye, Commissioner Barrett – aye, Commissioner Stow – aye, and Commissioner Black – aye.

**ITEM 4 - Consider and adopt Ordinance No. 08.28.25A setting the 2025 tax rate.**

Commissioner Stow made the motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .2918, which is effectively an 8 percent increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Black seconded the motion. The city secretary conducted a roll call vote: Mayor Bunch – aye, Commissioner Barrett – aye, Commissioner Stow – aye, and Commissioner Black – aye.

**ITEM 5 - Consider cancelling the Regular meeting scheduled for September 1st, 2025.**

Commissioner Barrett made the motion to cancel the September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Regular meeting. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

**ITEM 6 - Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.**

Mayor Bunch stated she would forward an email regarding Senate Bill 10 to the Commission, contact the state representative, and explain our opposition to this bill.

**ITEM 7 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.**

City Manager Polster announced a swimming party on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for city staff and the Commission.

Assistant City Manager Hawkins thanked the Commission for their dedication to the city.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:54 p.m.