

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
August 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order.

Mayor Danner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Quorum check.

Mayor James W. Danner, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem Ann-Michelle Long, Councilman John McAnelly, Councilman John Villa, Councilman Bobby Vela, City Attorney Frank Garza, City Manager Kim Davis, and City Secretary Miguel Cantu

Absent: Councilman Eric Torres

Staff present: Police Chief Brian Valenzuela, Lieutenant Rick Garza, Assistant Finance Director Dee Willman, Public Works Director Mark Velasquez, Economic Development Director Genevieve Flores, and Aviation Director Ryan Elder

3. Hold first public hearing on the proposed FY 2018-2019 budget.

Mrs. Dee Willman stated that this was first public hearing of the FY 2018-2019 Budget and FY 2018-2019 Tax Rate which would be handled as two separate items. The proposed tax rate is \$0.51019 and the preceding year the tax rate was \$0.5139 per \$100 valuation the effective tax rate is \$0.4839 per \$100 valuation and the rollback tax rate is \$0.5109.

Mayor Danner opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

William Hoover, Hondo Anvil Herald, asked what are the total expenditures in this year's budget. Mrs. Davis asked if the question was regarding the General Fund. Mrs. Willman stated the expenditures for the total budget are approximately \$30 million.

Mrs. Florestela Gonzales, 1002 Avenue S, handed Council a photo of the spay and neuter clinic at the Hondo Animal Shelter. She stated people start lining up at 7 a.m. and reminded Council she had addressed the addition of another spay and neuter clinic to the budget before. Mrs. Gonzales stated that over 300 dogs and cats have been killed since 2009. For about 6 years the City only had one clinic and the past two years 2 clinics. The Nip and Tuck also provides a clinic for \$50 to low income families in Hondo but some may not be able to afford it. She stated that the city saved approximately \$47,000 by shutting down the collection station. If the Council does not want to pay for a neuter clinic from the general fund, the Council can move the \$3,000 from that fund. When the City did its rabies drive, only 17 residents took their pets out of 100 vaccines that were given out. The Council can move the money from the rabies drive to another spay and neuter clinic. The clinics help to save lives. There are too many adoptable dogs and cats being killed. Between January and April 2018, 37 dogs and cats were put to death.

Chavel Lopez 1401 14th Street, member of the Hondo Empowerment Committee, stated he wanted to focus on affordable housing. He did not see anything regarding affordable housing in the budget. The budget should start having a line item for affordable housing. Regarding the spay and neuter, the City should move the rabies drive to add another spay and neuter for a third clinic because it helps the cycle of over population and saves lives.

4. Hold first public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 tax rate.

Mayor Danner opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Danner closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

5. Presentation by City Manager on FY 2018-2018 budget update.

Mrs. Davis presented the budgetary changes: Hot fund-reduced STOL funding to \$5,000 and allocated funds to the Chamber of Commerce for this project specific item. Sanitation fund added a revenue and

expense for the increase in the residential cost to account for contracted brush services. General fund (Police Department, Municipal Court Division, Library Division, Code Division, Utility Billing Division) removed revenue for credit card fee and removed expense for credit card fees in divisions where applicable. Regarding the Comprehensive Fee Schedule: removed \$3.00 charge for credit card usage and added a proposed fee for replacement fuel cards at the Airport. Solid waste fees were updated to reflect no CPI increase of 3%; remove the solid waste fees to add the \$1.82 to first cart residential for brush services fee and added a fee for brush removal over 8 cubic yards.

6. **Executive Session: The City Council of the City of Hondo may convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly requires discussion in closed session); Pending or contemplated litigation; Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)**
 - a. Personnel discussion regarding performance evaluation of City Manager.
Mayor Danner announced this agenda item would be moved to the next Regular Council Meeting scheduled for August 27, 2018 at 6 p.m.
7. **Discuss and consider appropriate action resulting from Executive Session.**
No executive session held.
8. **Adjourn.**
Mayor Pro Tem Long moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman Vela. Motion carried 4-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.



JAMES W. DANNER, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


Miguel Cantu, City Secretary