

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Burkburnett, Texas, met in a Special-Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall-Council Chambers, 501 Sheppard Road, Burkburnett, Texas. The meeting was open to the public, with notice being given in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The following Commissioners were present:

Carl Law	Mayor
Marguerite Love	Mayor Pro-Tem
Randy Brewster	Commissioner
Jeremy Duff	Commissioner
Ted Kwas	Commissioner
Bill Lindenborn	Commissioner

Commissioner Andrajack was absent.

Others present were Lawrence Cutrone, City Manager; Trish Holley, Director of Administration; Margie Poole, City Clerk; and Mike Guevara, Shahan Guevara Decker Arrott.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: MAYOR CARL LAW

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

ITEM 2. INVOCATION

Shanna Kronk, Assistant Pastor, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Lawrence Cutrone, City Manager, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes from the August 14, 2020 Special-Called Meeting.

Approval of Minutes from the August 17, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Approval of Minutes from the August 28, 2020 Special-Called Meeting.

Commissioner Duff made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Love, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried, with Commissioner Brewster abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: Mayor closed the Special-Called Meeting at 7:03 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing for:

A. Ordinance Number 980.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET
OCTOBER 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 FOR THE CITY OF BURKBURNETT,
TEXAS AND APPROPRIATING THE SEVERAL SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE
OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.

B. Ordinance Number 981.

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2020 SETTING SPECIFIC TAX RATES, APPLICABLE TO ALL REAL, PERSONAL, AND MIXED PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF BURKBURNETT CITY LIMITS; SETTING THE DUE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES.

Mr. Tim Bergin was present in City Hall for the Public Hearing and addressed the Mayor and Commissioners with his concerns. With no one else present in City Hall, the City Clerk read the four comments received via email to the Mayor and Commissioners. There was no one on the conference call who wished to address the Mayor and Commissioners.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Mayor closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Special-Called Meeting at 6:24 p.m.

ITEM 5. Take any action on Ordinance Number 980.

After some discussion regarding the proposed budget, the Mayor called for an Executive Session to consult with the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Law closed the meeting, muted the telephone conference bridge, and adjourned to Executive Session in the Council Chambers at 6:45 p.m.

RECONVENE: Mayor Law reconvened the Special-Called meeting at 7:15 p.m. No action was taken.

Motion 1: Commissioner Lindenborn made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Love, adopt Ordinance Number 980, as written.

Ayes (3): Mayor Pro-Tem Love, Commissioner Kwas, and Commissioner Lindenborn

Nays (3): Mayor Law, Commissioner Brewster, and Commissioner Duff

Motion failed.

The meeting recessed for a break at 7:38 p.m. and resumed at 7:45 p.m.

Motion 2: Commissioner Duff made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Love, adopt Ordinance Number 980, minus the \$50K for EMTs, \$17K for the range, \$23K leaving a 3% COLA increase. The revised budget total in Section 2 of Ordinance 980 would be \$12,236,312.

Ayes (2): Mayor Pro-Tem Love and Commissioner Duff

Nays (4): Mayor Law, Commissioner Brewster, Commissioner Kwas, and Commissioner Lindenborn

Motion failed.

Motion 3: Commissioner Duff made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Love, adopt Ordinance Number 980, minus the \$50K for EMTs, \$17K for the range, \$23K leaving a 3% COLA increase. The revised budget total in Section 2 of Ordinance 980 would be \$12,251,401.

Ayes (5): Mayor Pro-Tem Love, Commissioner Brewster, Commissioner Duff,

Commissioner Kwas, and Commissioner Lindenborn

Nays (1): Mayor Law

Motion carried.

ITEM 6. Discuss and take any action necessary to ratify the Property Tax Revenue Increase Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

Commissioner Duff made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kwas, to ratify the tax rate of \$0.729345.

Ayes (5): Mayor Pro-Tem Love, Commissioner Brewster, Commissioner Duff,
Commissioner Kwas, and Commissioner Lindenborn

Nays (1): Mayor Law

Motion carried.

ITEM 7. Take any action on Ordinance Number 981.

Commissioner Duff made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Lindenborn:

"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.729345, which is effectively a 3.8 percent increase in the tax rate."

Ayes (5): Mayor Pro-Tem Love, Commissioner Brewster, Commissioner Duff,
Commissioner Kwas, and Commissioner Lindenborn

Nays (1): Mayor Law

Absent (1): Commissioner Andrajack

Motion carried.

ITEM 8. Discuss and take any action necessary on Ordinance Number 982.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 955 OF THE CITY OF BURKBURNETT, TEXAS PRESENTLY CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 50, GARBAGE AND REFUSE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFYING THE EFFECTIVE DATE; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Mr. Lawrence Cutrone, City Manager, addressed the Mayor and Commissioners, stating that this is an Ordinance increasing the garbage and refuse rates by \$1.75 to fund a new annual Street Overlay Program.

Commissioner Duff made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kwas, to adopt Ordinance Number 982. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lawrence Cutrone, City Manager, thanked the Board for your support during the budget process.

ITEM 10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Duff and Kwas thanked everyone for their hard work.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lindenborn made a motion, seconded by Mayor Law, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Carl Law, Mayor

ATTEST:

Margie Poole, City Clerk

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