

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOURDANTON
AT THE JOURDANTON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT
1604 HIGHWAY 97 E, JOURDANTON, TEXAS, 78026, ON AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 6:00 p.m.**

1. *Roll Call to Establish a Quorum of the City Council:*

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

2. *Call Special Called Meeting to order:*

Mayor: Robert A. Williams
Mayor Pro Tem: Raul "Roy" Morales

Councilmembers: Jack Harrison
Chester Gonzales
Karen Pesek (absent)
Johnetta "Johnnie" Goetzel

City Manager Lamar Schulz

City Secretary: Debbie G. Molina

City Attorney: Daniel Santee (absent)

3. *Invocation:*

Mayor Williams gave the invocation.

4. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and State of Texas:*

Mayor Robert Williams recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the U.S. and Texas flags.

5. *Setting tax rates for 2018. City Council shall discuss and may take actions on the budget and setting tax rates, as follows:*

a. *City Manager's submission of effective rate and roll back rate.*

City Manager Schulz advised the Council the effective tax rate dropped to \$0.502785. The City would receive \$12,959 additional dollars with the new valuations. Schulz explained that numerous increases had impacted the city. The medical insurance rates are proposed to increase 53.39%. Major repairs to the City's infrastructure are needed. The attorney fees for the sports complex litigation would need to be paid from the general fund in the amount of \$215,641. Schulz stated he would continue to monitor expenditures for engineer and city attorney's fees.

Schulz proposed a tax rate of \$.05365 per hundred taxable value. This would be a 7.83% increase. He stated if the governing body adopted the proposed tax rate, the amount of taxes imposed for the year would be \$514.25 for an average taxable value of \$95,853 for a residence homestead in the city. This increase would be a \$32.32 increase from the effective tax rate of .502785 per hundred of taxable value. The \$32.32 increase divided by 12 months equals \$2.69333333 per month.

Mayor Williams read a resolution authorizing a preliminary maximum ad valorem tax rate of .53650 for fiscal year 2018-2019, and scheduling the public hearings on September 4, 2018 and September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.; and establishing an effective date.

b. *Discussion consideration and possible action on a Resolution establishing the preliminary maximum tax rate and scheduling the preliminary dates for public hearings if such are needed, and directing the city secretary to publish notice of the public hearings in accordance with State law:*

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Morales “to adopt a Resolution as read to establish the preliminary maximum tax rate and scheduling the preliminary dates for public hearings if such are needed, and directing the city secretary to publish notice of the public hearings in accordance with State law.” Motion was seconded by Council Member Harrison. Motion passed unanimously.

6. *Budget Workshop.*

- a. *The City Council shall conduct a budget workshop to discuss the municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2018, and concluding on September 30, 2019:*

Mayor Williams announced that the second budget workshop would be conducted on August 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

City Manager Schulz presented and discussed the proposed 2018-19 fiscal year budget. Schulz informed the Council that there was no across the board pay increase figured into the budget. Certification pay for employees who held certifications was not added to the budget. A position at city hall was reduced. Engineering and regular legal fees were reduced. Schulz stated the budget contained funding for a 30% increase in health insurance rates. The budget continued to reflect \$250,000 for street repairs. An equipped police vehicle was budgeted in the amount of \$35,000. City Manager Schulz discussed revenues from the revenue fund. He stated he expected the sales tax to increase. The concession and sport complex lease did not collect the anticipated amount for 2017-18 budget, so he decreased the revenue. He announced new line items were added to the expenditures. This would simplify the budget better. Council Member Goetzl made a recommendation to purchase the copiers instead of leasing them. Council Member Gonzales questioned if the 5-year street plan was budgeted. Schulz advised Gonzales that \$250,000 was budgeted and if the amount needed to be increased, the city could move money from fund balance. City Manager Schulz also stated that a boot program for safety boots were budgeted for the street, water and sewer laborers. He told the Council that new meters would have to be purchased in the near future and engineer costs in the street, water, and sewer were decreased. In conclusion, he discussed the proposed 2018-19 budget for hotel/motel funds.

City Secretary Molina advised the Council that a publication would be advertised showing the date of September 17, 2018 for the public hearing for the proposed 2018-19 budget. Molina also said this budget would be officially filed with her on Thursday, August 16th which would be filed timely before adoption.

7. *Adjourn.*

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Morales “to adjourn.” Motion was seconded by Council Member Chester Gonzales. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.


DEBBIE G. MOLINA, CITY SECRETARY


ROBERT A. WILLIAMS, MAYOR