

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 27, 2018

1. **Call to order.** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Bert Echterling.
2. **Invocation.** Jimmy Rogers provided the Invocation.
3. **Roll Call.** Councilmembers present: Jimmy Rogers, Jeremy Stivener, Brenton Lane, Bert Echterling, and Steve Janics. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Mastergeorge, and Councilmember Steven Tindell were absent.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING: Conduct the second of two public hearings to receive comments on the proposed tax rate of \$0.484500 cents per \$100 valuation for fiscal year 2019 (2018 tax year), and announce meeting to adopt the proposed tax rate on August 30, 2018.** City Manager Craig Lemin provided a brief presentation regarding the proposed tax rate. Mayor Bert Echterling opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 PM. There were no comments; therefore, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:01 PM. Mayor Bert Echterling announced the meeting to adopt the proposed tax rate is August 30, 2018. No action taken.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING: Conduct a public hearing for the City of Robinson Budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019.** City Manager Craig Lemin presented this item, and provided an overview of the budget summary. Mayor Echterling opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. Patti Huston, 2493 S Old Robinson Road, Robinson, Texas 76706 asked was the city required to have so much reserve money and invested money when the beginning fund balances were substantial as outlined in the budget. Mr. Lemin stated the City is required to have at minimum 120 days of operating expenditures pursuant to the Investment Policy; however, the money invested the past fiscal year is allocated across each beginning fund balance not in addition to reserves or invested money. Mrs. Huston also asked if it was necessary for the City to spend \$65,000.00 on additional parking at Peplow Park. Mr. Lemin informed Mrs. Huston this request was cut from the budget. After no additional comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m. No action taken.
6. **Consider and possible action amending the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center and the Robinson Police Department – Amendment Number 1.** Chief of Police Phillip Prasifka presented this item to Council and stated there is currently an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Robinson and the Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center for transportation services to various state or private psychiatric inpatient hospitals and monitoring of consumers on Emergency Detention Orders Mental Health Warrants awaiting an available hospital bed. Chief Prasifka said this agreement was originally approved by the City of Robinson City Council on December 14, 2010, and included is an associated reimbursement fee of \$25 per hour for the above described services. The Police Department received a Memorandum dated July 23, 2018, from the Heart of Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, informing the City of Robinson

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Police Department that effective September 1, 2018, there will be an increase to \$30 per hour for services provided by the Heart of Texas Region MHMR and recommends approval as presented. Councilmember Steve Janics motioned to approve the amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as presented. Councilmember Brenton Lane seconded this motion. Voting in favor: Rogers, Stivener, Lane, Echterling, and Janics. There were no opposing votes and motion carried unanimously.

7. **Discussion regarding updated abatement policy and guidelines.** City Manager Craig Lemin provided a presentation regarding guidelines and criteria for tax abatements and reinvestment zones. Mr. Lemin also provided an overview of the draft investment policy to include the general purpose and objectives; eligibility; minimum standards, value of incentives; and procedural guidelines. Council discussed various sections of the policy including the value of incentives, and asked for a separate work session for further discussion to make final revisions. No action taken.
8. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.