

# City Council

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Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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## Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, August 13, 2019

6:00 PM

City Hall

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### Agenda

- A. Call meeting to order

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

- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Milum gave the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

### Consent Agenda

Mayor Narvaez asked if there were any questions or comments.

Council member Juan Munoz requested for consent item four and five be pulled for further discussion.

Council Member Swain Real arrived at 6:02 p.m.

### Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from July 16, 2019.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from July 16,2019.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from July 16, 2019., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

### Consideration and ACTION to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of June 30, 2019.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of June 30,2019.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of June 30, 2019., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

### Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 12-2019 accepting the work under contract with Castle Enterprises, LLC as being complete and in accordance with the plans, specifications, and all approved change orders.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 12-2019 accepting the work under contract with Castle Enterprises, LLC as being complete and in accordance with the plans, specifications, and all approved change orders.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 12-2019 accepting the work under contract with Castle Enterprises, LLC as being complete and in

accordance with the plans, specifications, and all approved change orders., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 13-2019 finding that AEP Texas Inc.' s requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.**Adopted

Council member Juan Munoz asked Mr. Milum if he could explain the resolution. He asked if the city fell within the territory of AEP. Mr. Milum answered yes, we are in AEP service area.

Mayor Narvaez asked the council if there were any more questions and if Mr. Munoz was ok with the content of the resolution. Mr. Munoz answered yes.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 13-2019 finding that AEP Texas Inc.' s requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.

Joe Collinworth made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 13-2019 finding that AEP Texas Inc.' s requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 502 approving a negotiated resolution between the city and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" or "the company") regarding the company's April 30, 2019 cost of service adjustment ("COSA") filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the city's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this**

**ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company's and the city's legal counsel.**Adopted

Council member Juan Munoz asked if this was only to stop Texas Gas from raising the rates and the city would not be getting anything back. Mr. Milum explained that this was the acceptance of the negotiated settlement. He explained the process to the council.

Council member Joe Collinsworth asked how many butane tanks were in the city. Mr. Milum responded not many. Mr. Collinsworth asked if the city ever inspects them. Mr. Milum answered no they did not. Mr. Collinsworth asked if Mr. Milum thought the city needed to and stated what if they started rusting around the valve causing them to explode. Mr. Milum commented that the company that fills up the tanks are suppose to inspect the tanks. Mr. Collinsworth felt they did not care as long as they get paid. Council member Yolanda Cruz commented that in the past when she has had her propane tank filled the company will advise them if they have a leak or need something fixed before they can fill up the tank. Mr. Milum agreed and stated he could look into it.

Mayor Narvaez asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 502 approving a negotiated resolution between the city and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" or "the company") regarding the company's April 30, 2019 cost of service adjustment ("COSA") filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the city's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company's and the city's legal counsel.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 502 approving a negotiated resolution between the city and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" or "the company") regarding the company's April 30, 2019 cost of service adjustment ("COSA") filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the city's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company's and the city's legal counsel., seconded by Joe Collinsworth the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Fresnos and Research, Applied Technology, Education, and Service, INC. (RATES) D.B.A. RATES/RGV for representative appointment to the regional Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Task Force.**Adopted

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Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Fresnos and Research, Applied Technology, Education, and Service, INC. (RATES) D.B.A. RATES/RGV for representative appointment to the regional Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Task Force., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve an agreement for services to provide swimming lessons for the fiscal year 2018/2019 and the fiscal year 2019/2020.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve an agreement for services to provide swimming lessons for the fiscal year 2018/2019 and the fiscal year 2019/2020.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve an agreement for services to provide swimming lessons for the fiscal year 2018/2019 and the fiscal year 2019/2020., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Visitors remarks-To speak you must sign in with the City Secretary prior to the meeting you have a limit of 3 minutes to speak.**

Manuel Abrego signed up to comment on action items 1,2&3. Mr. Abrego stated he wanted the council to know that he attended the CDC meeting where items 1,2&3 were discussed. He wanted the council to know that he feels these are good projects for Los Fresnos and he supported the events. They bring in a lot of people to the city. He gave a brief history of the events and how it benefits the city. He thanked the council for the opportunity to speak.

**Action Items**

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement with the Cameron County Fair & Livestock Show.**Adopted

Valerie Arizmendi with the Cameron County Fair & Livestock Show introduced herself to the council. She gave the council a brief summary of her time with Fair and the plans they have to expand. She reported the number of entries for last years show, the events that take place at the event and where the donation go towards.

Ms. Arizmendi asked the council if they could consider to give the same amount so they can continue to support the kids. She stated they also are involved in the queens contest in January that is held in Los Fresnos. The winner will move on to be the representative at the Rodeo and she will receive a scholarship as well. She asked if the council had any questions and thanked them for their consideration.

Mayor Narvaez asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Narvaez motioned to approve the amount of \$5,500.

Council member Yolanda Cruz made the motion to approve the amount of \$6,000.

Mayor Narvaez withdrew his motion.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a service agreement with the Cameron County Fair & Livestock Show in the amount of \$6,000.

Yolanda H. Cruz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement with the Cameron County Fair & Livestock Show., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [5 to 1].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement for the Cowboy Cook Off.****Adopted**

Mike Todd with the Los Fresnos Rodeo Committee gave the council a flyer of the cook off along with a cover letter and the sponsorship sheet. Mr. Todd pointed out that the top half of the flyer had the cook off and the bottom half had the rodeo information which he would cover in the next item. Mr. Todd gave a brief summary of the cook off and explained the plans they had for this year's cook off. He asked the council to give the same sponsorship as last year, \$1,500. He explained the items that came with the sponsorship package.

Council member James Herrera asked how much of the sponsorship money goes to student scholarships. Mr. Todd explained the cook off event was under the rodeo. They have not made any money off the cook off but when they get to the point of making money it will go into the general fund of the rodeo and they do give away scholarships. He gave a few examples on the amount of scholarships that were awarded last year and other non-profit organization that were given money. Council member Herrera asked what the total was. Mr. Todd answered twenty something thousand.

Mayor Narvaez asked if there were any questions.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a service agreement for the Cowboy Cook Off in the amount of \$1,500.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement for the Cowboy Cook Off., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement with the Los Fresnos Rodeo.****Adopted**

Mr. Todd handed out a cover letter, entry form and sponsorship information. He explained that the cover letter stated what the city sponsored last year.

He gave the council a brief summary on the outcome of the last rodeo that was held and the maintenance that has been done to the rodeo grounds. Mr. Todd explained the process that is taken when scholarships are awarded. He listed the different non profit organizations the rodeo has donated money to.

Mr. Todd asked the council if they had any questions.

Mayor Narvaez asked Mr. Milum if the amount given last year was \$13,500. Mr. Milum answered yes.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a service agreement for the Los Fresnos Rodeo in the amount of \$13,500.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement with the Los Fresnos Rodeo., seconded by Joe Collinsworth the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve allowing the local Mason's to have a cornerstone ceremony dedicating the new city hall.**Adopted

Council member James Herrera asked the council if they would like an explanation because he was the one that brought the item up. Mayor Narvaez and Council member Yolanda Cruz requested he explain because they were not too familiar with the topic. Council member James Herrera gave a brief history on the item and how the ceremony is held. Council member Swain Real asked who provides the stone. Mr. Herrera stated the masons will pay for the stone and organize the entire service. Mayor Narvaez asked if it would be done when they city has the grand opening for the new city hall. Mr. Milum answered stating it would be separate.

Motion was made and seconded to approve allowing the local Mason's to have a cornerstone ceremony dedicating the new city hall.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve allowing the local Mason's to have a cornerstone ceremony dedicating the new city hall., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the 2019 Street Improvements.**Adopted

Mayor Narvaez explained there was a list of streets that needed improvements in the council's packet. It was the Mayors understanding that there were enough funds to make improvements to most of the streets listed with one exception.

Mr. Milum explained that it depended on the Henderson Road Project and the funds used there. The estimate is \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000. We hope it will come in less. If so that would leave \$750,000. Mr. Milum recommended the council approve a base bid without either #5, which is South Palma Street or #7 which is South Mesquite Street. Mr. Milum explained both streets were about the same cost and would bring it down to about the \$750,000 range. The streets would still be included as an alternate. Mr. Milum explained it would have to go to the TIRZ Board for final approval since it is funded through TIRZ funds.

Council member Juan Munoz asked how far it went into California Road. Mr. Milum explained to Mr. Munoz where the city limits ends on California Rd., approximately at the canal.

Mayor Narvaez commented that the good thing was that the TIRZ funds can be used for street improvements. The fund is growing.

Council member Yolanda Cruz asked Mr. Milum if West Second Street was where the school busses us park for Lopez-Riggins. Mr. Milum answered yes that was correct.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2019 Street Improvements with Palma Street as an alternate.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the 2019 Street Improvements., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION on a resolution 13-2019 to nominate a person for Position 9 on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors.**Adopted

Council member James Herrera commented that he would like to nominate David Woolverton from Port Isabel. Mr. Herrera stated the name was given to him because he has had a lot of problems with the Cameron Appraisal District. Mr. Herrera described Mr. Woolverton as very knowledgeable, a representative for the people who don't know how to attack a problem when they are over taxed.

Mr. Milum explained to the council how the nomination is handled.

Motion was made and seconded to approve resolution 14-2019 to nominate David Woolverton for Position 9 on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on a resolution 13-2019 to nominate a person for Position 9 on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve ordinance 505 of the city of Los Fresnos, Texas adopting a water conservation plan and drought contingency plan: establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses; establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions' establishing procedures for granting variances; providing severability; repealing ordinance 455 and providing for an effective date.**Adopted

Mayor Narvaez explained this was something the city needed because there have been time that the river levels have dropped considerably and certain steps need to be taken to insure that we do not run out of water.

Council member Juan Munoz asked if this ordinance would repeal ordinance 455. Mr. Milum answered this ordinance would replace 455.

Motion was made and seconded to approve ordinance 505 of the city of Los Fresnos, Texas adopting a water conservation plan and drought contingency plan: establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses; establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions' establishing procedures for granting variances; providing severability; repealing ordinance 455 and providing for an effective date.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve ordinance 505 of the city of Los Fresnos, Texas adopting a water conservation plan and drought contingency plan: establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses; establishing penalties for the violation of and

provisions for enforcement of these restrictions' establishing procedures for granting variances; providing severability; repealing ordinance 455 and providing for an effective date., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Finance Director's certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for 2018 and the excess debt tax collections for 2018 tax year.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that the state says these two items need to be mentioned because the city collects prior years debt in case somebody pays a bill from years ago. The estimated debt collections for 2018 is \$406,048 with no excess debt tax collections. The estimate excess fund balance for the debt fund is \$27,381.99.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Finance Director's certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for 2018 and the excess debt tax collections for 2018 tax year.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Finance Director's certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for 2018 and the excess debt tax collections for 2018 tax year., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Cameron Appraisal District Chief Appraiser's certification of the 2019 tax roll.**Adopted

Mayor Narvaez explained that the Net Taxable Value for 2019 was \$280,729,045 an increase of \$6,912,392 or 2.46%. There are 6 properties under protest for \$6,998,919 dealing with residential property, 78 new properties with a value of \$7,597,254 accounting for 55.49% of the increase. The amount of the increased values of existing properties is \$6,093,161, accounting for 44.51% of the increase.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Cameron Appraisal District Chief Appraiser's certification of the 2019 tax roll.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Cameron Appraisal District Chief Appraiser's certification of the 2019 tax roll., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the calculations of the City's Effective and Rollback Ad Valorem Tax Rate for tax year 2019 and for fiscal year 2019/2020.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that there is a part in the state law that says the city needs to express to the public what the effective tax rate would be. He stated that an effective tax rate not counting the new properties but the existing properties from the previous year and the same properties this year if we taxed them what would be the rate. The rate last year was \$0.715. To get the same rate we would need to tax \$0.697821 which is more or less a \$0.02 difference. The states requires the city to make the public aware of that.



Mr. Milum continued to explained that second part was the rollback rate. If the city proposed in the budget to raise taxes above the \$0.715 the city could go to \$0.813033 before the public could call for a roll back election. If it would pass that the public did not want that tax rate the city would be required to drop it.

Mr. Milum explained that in the council's packet there are several worksheets that determine the rate.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the calculations of the City's Effective and Rollback Ad Valorem Tax Rate for tax year 2019 and for fiscal year 2019/2020.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the calculations of the City's Effective and Rollback Ad Valorem Tax Rate for tax year 2019 and for fiscal year 2019/2020., seconded by Joe Collinsworth the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to propose a tax rate for tax year 2019, take a record vote, if proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the effective rate or rollback rate, and set dates for public hearings, if necessary.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained they based the budget to keep the tax rate the same at \$0.715 that is what is has been the last 12 years. This year will be the 13th year in a row. The effective tax rate is \$0.697821 the city will receive a bit more money in revenue, so the city will need to notify the public. Mr. Milum explained that if the council would like to proceed each council member would need to vote aye individually. Mr. Milum recommended the council approve the ad valorem property tax rate of \$0.715 per \$100 valuation for the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget and setting the 2 public hearings for Tuesday, August 20, and Tuesday, August 27, both at 6:00 pm at city hall.

All council members voted aye to set the tax rate at \$0.715 for tax year 2019 and the dates for the public hearings were set for Tuesday, August 20, and Tuesday, August 27, both at 6:00 pm at city hall.

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to propose a tax rate for tax year 2019, take a record vote, if proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the effective rate or rollback rate, and set dates for public hearings, if necessary., seconded by the vote was [Unanimous].

#### **Acknowledgement of City Manager's Report**

**City Manager Report A. Wastewater Plant Update B. Water Plant Update C. Water & Wastewater Engineering Study D. Whipple Road Wastewater Extension E. Nature Park F. Hike & Bike Trails G. CDBG Disaster Grant H. Henderson Road Project I. City Hall Project J. Underground Canal K. Update Planning & Zoning Ordinance L. Drainage Update M. Street & Alley Paving N. Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Report**Adopted

Mr. Milum reported that the sludge drying beds project at the waste water treatment plan was complete. Mr. Milum gave the council a brief update on the Henderson Rd project. The city has applied for a \$350,00 grant to improve drainage along the railroad tracks north of Canal Street and paving of East Tenth Street and part of Whipple Road due to problems during heavy rains in June of 2018. They did not approve the drainage part but

did approve the paving. Mr. Milum advised the council all the alleys have been completed and the entrance to the post office is almost complete.

Council member Swain Real asked for an update on the new city hall. Mr. Milum stated it was going very good and the projected end date is the middle of October. Mr. Milum reminded the council that his is available to take any of them to view the progress. Council member Real asked what was the original projected date. Mr. Milum answered the middle to late August but there have been a lot of rain days.

Mayor Narvaez asked how the Hike & Bike Trail was going. Mr. Milum stated it was ready to go except for one portion along the Holiday Out. He is working with Holiday Out on a possible agreement.

Council member Joe Collinsworth asked what the deal was with the contractor building the canopy at Community Park. He feels they work for while and then they are gone. Mr. Milum advised Mr. Collinsworth that they were working on other projects.

Council member Juan Munoz asked if there was anything that could be done on the alley behind Cano's. Mr. Milum asked if he could address that when they discuss the CDC budget on the next item.

Mayor Narvaez asked if there were any more questions.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the City Manager Report.

Joe Collinsworth made a motion to approve City Manager Report A. Wastewater Plant Update B. Water Plant Update C. Water & Wastewater Engineering Study D. Whipple Road Wastewater Extension E. Nature Park F. Hike & Bike Trails G. CDBG Disaster Grant H. Henderson Road Project I. City Hall Project J. Underground Canal K. Update Planning & Zoning Ordinance L. Drainage Update M. Street & Alley Paving N. Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Report, seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

### **Acknowledgement of Department Head Reports**

#### **Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Financial Report.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax, seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

#### **Public Works Report 1. Water and Wastewater Activity 2. Calls for Service 3. Building Permits 4. Recycling Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Public Works Report.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Public Works Report 1. Water and Wastewater Activity 2. Calls for Service 3. Building Permits 4. Recycling, seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

#### **Police Department 1. Arrests 2. Incidents 3. Accidents Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Police Report.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Police Department 1. Arrests 2. Incidents 3. Accidents, seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

#### **Municipal Court 1. Monthly Report**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Municipal Court.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Municipal Court 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

#### **Library Report 1. Monthly Report**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library Report.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Library Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

#### **Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Fire Marshal's Report.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

#### **Budget Workshop**

Mayor Narvaez recessed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Narvaez called the meeting back to order at 7:16 p.m.

#### **Budget Workshop**No Action

Mr. Milum explained that he was going to go over personnel, revenue and the CDC. He advised the council that the next meeting all department heads would attend the meeting and present their budget. As part of the budget there will be a public hearing first then the budget workshop.

Mr. Milum began with the personnel. He handed out a listing of the personnel with their pay for the last few years. He stated last year the personnel received a 3% cost of living increase and we are not projecting a raise this year. The only change requested is a part time janitorial position. Mr. Milum explained the need for the position and how the position would be funded. Mr. Milum asked the council if they had any question on the personnel. There was no questions.

Mr. Milum explained the next piece was the revenue. He explained what each column and row of the worksheet represented to the council. He went over each line item on the general fund budgets revenue for the fiscal year 2019/2020.

Council member Juan Munoz asked about the court security fees for the bailiff. He wanted to know if they were solely used for the bailiff. Mr. Milum answered yes and explained the job duties of the bailiff.

Mayor Narvaez asked Mr. Milum if the shooting range required a lot of up keep. Mr. Milum explained its usually around \$5,000 a year. This year because they plan to build a canopy over an area so the budget will be \$11,000.

Council member Joe Collinsworth asked if the city pays for the ammunition. Mr. Milum said yes for the Los Fresnos Police Officer only. Council member Collinsworth stated he was asking because he can hear the shots at his house and he wondered why they do so much rapid shooting when one well placed shot is just as good as 15. Mr. Milum stated he did not know the answer to that but he does know the police have a course they go through to qualify.

Mr. Milum gave a brief summary on the Community Development Corporations funding and what they are allowed to use it on. He went over the CDC budgets revenue and expenditures report for the fiscal year 2019/2020.

Mr. Milum addressed the question Mr. Munoz asked earlier in the meeting about paving the alley behind Cano's property by indicating that it will be included in the budget at \$60,000 for alley repairs.

Council member Swain Real asked if the CDC still had the business incentive grant program. Mr. Milum answered yes and gave a brief summary on the program.

made a motion to approve Budget Workshop, seconded by the vote was .

### **Closed Session**

**Closed Session -Deliberation pursuant to Sections 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.**Withdrawn

made a motion to approve Closed Session -Deliberation pursuant to Sections 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property., seconded by the vote was .

### **Open Session – Deliberation and possible action regarding the following:**

**Open Session - Deliberation pursuant to Sections 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.**Withdrawn

made a motion to approve Open Session - Deliberation pursuant to Sections 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property., seconded by the vote was .

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Presiding Officer of the Council

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Recorder