

**PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - BUDGET WORKSHOP**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

The members of City Council convened for a Public Hearing - Special Called Meeting (Regular Meeting) – Budget Workshop of the City of Bayou Vista City Council on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community Center, - 783C Marlin, corner of Neptune and Marlin, Bayou Vista, Texas, concerning the following items:

A quorum of the City Council was present and included the following:

Mayor:	Daniel Konyha	Present
Position 1:	Bob Althaus	Present
Position 2:	Tami Inman	Present
Position 3:	Carlos Price	Present
Position 4:	Louis Wortham	Present
Position 5:	James L. Cook, III	Present

Legal Counsel was present

1. Call Meeting To Order

Mayor Konyha called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken as reflected above.

3. First Order of Business

A. Announcement by the Mayor of the presence of a quorum that the meeting had been duly called, and the notice of the meeting had been posted in the manner prescribed by law.

4. Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag

The Pledges were led by Mayor Konyha

5. Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Public Hearing opened at 6:32 p.m.

A resident made statement his understanding is taxes are not being raised and wanted to thank the Council for that.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

6. Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items Only

No citizen's comments

7. CONSENT AGENDA: All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted in one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of:**
- **Special Called Regular Meeting – Public Hearing – Budget Workshop August 28, 2018.**
 - **Special Called Meeting – Public Hearing – Budget Workshop – September 11, 2018.**

A motion was made by Alderman Inman to approve the Minutes of August 28, 2018 and September 11, 2018 as presented.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cook.

Motion carried all in favor.

8. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. City Departmental Reports**
- **Police Department activity report for the month of August 2018.**
 - **Municipal Court activity report for the month of August 2018.**
 - **Building Permit activity report for the month of August 17th thru Sept 11th, 2018.**
 - **Code Enforcement activity report for the month of August 2018.**

Alderman Inman requested the Code Enforcement report give detail of how each item was closed out.

Alderman Wortham would like to be able to look at the Code Enforcement report and assess the number of citations issued and what the individual was cited for.

- B. Discuss and review the Financial Statement ending July 2018, prepared by Whitley-Penn if available.**

Council reviewed the Financial Statement as presented by Whitley-Penn.

The Mayor let Council know he will be meeting with Elizabeth Isles of Whitley-Penn to discuss the issue of not receiving the Financial Statements in a timely manner.

- C. Alderman Reports – If any.**

No Alderman reports

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider and take possible action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget.**

A motion was made by Alderman Wortham to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget as presented.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cook.

Motion carried all in favor.

B. Consider and take possible action to approve the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget.

A motion was made by Alderman Price to approve the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget as presented.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Inman.

Roll call vote was taken as reflected below:

Alderman Althaus	-	For
Alderman Inman	-	For
Alderman Wortham	-	For
Alderman Price	-	For
Mayor Pro Tem Cook	-	For

Motion carried all in favor.

C. Consider and take possible action to adopt the tax rate of \$ 0.385000 per \$100 for the year 2018.

A motion was made by Alderman Inman to adopt the tax rate of \$0.385000 per \$100 for the year 2018.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cook.

Roll call vote was taken as reflected below:

Alderman Althaus	-	For
Alderman Inman	-	For
Alderman Wortham	-	For
Alderman Price	-	For
Mayor Pro Tem Cook	-	For

Motion carried all in favor.

D. Consider and take possible action to adopt the maintenance and operation rate of \$0.375 per \$100 for the year 2018.

A motion was made by Alderman Price to adopt the maintenance and operation tax rate of \$0.375 per \$100 for the year 2018.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cook.

Roll call vote was taken as reflected below:

Alderman Althaus	-	For
Alderman Inman	-	For
Alderman Wortham	-	For
Alderman Price	-	For
Mayor Pro Tem Cook	-	For

Motion carried all in favor.

E. Consider and take possible action to adopt the debt service rate of \$0.010 per \$100 for the year 2018.

A motion was made by Alderman Althaus to adopt the debt service tax rate of \$0.010 per \$100 for the year 2018.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Inman.

Roll call vote was taken as reflected below:

Alderman Althaus	-	For
Alderman Inman	-	For
Alderman Wortham	-	For
Alderman Price	-	For
Mayor Pro Tem Cook	-	For

Motion carried all in favor.

F. Consider and take possible action to approve Ordinance 2018-11 providing for the assessment, levy, and collection of Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Bayou Vista, Texas for the Year 2018, and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided; establishing the date when Ad Valorem Taxes become delinquent; providing for certain exemptions; providing for the rate of assessment; providing for penalty and interest for delinquent taxes; and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for a saving clause.

A motion was made by Alderman Inman to revise section 2 to reflect 2018 and moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.3850 per \$100, which is effectively a .79% percent increase in the tax rate.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Price.

Roll call vote was taken as reflected below:

Alderman Althaus	-	For
Alderman Inman	-	For
Alderman Wortham	-	For
Alderman Price	-	For
Mayor Pro Tem Cook	-	For

Motion carried all in favor.

G. Consider and take possible action to cast a vote for a candidate to be elected to Places 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cook to approve Mayor Konyha's recommendations to cast votes for Von Biedenfield – Place 11, Meismer – Place 12, Jones – Place 13, and Rutledge – Place 14 to the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Price.

Motion carried all in favor.

H. Consider and take possible action to approve the amount of Flood Insurance coverage for the following:

1. Building and Contents for the Community Center from 10/17/18 through 10/17/19.

A motion was made by Alderman Inman to approve Option B in the amount of \$2,162.00, for Flood Insurance coverage for the building and contents for the Community Center from 10/17/18 through 10/17/19.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cook.

Motion carried all in favor.

10. COMMENTS

• **Citizen's Comments**

Citizen asked if marsh grass has anything to do with the FEMA rating. Water rising and marsh grass washing away. Maybe we need to bring in some spoil to help build up the marsh are and replant.

• **Aldermen Comments**

Alderman Inman expressed thanks to those citizens who attended the meeting and answered the question about the marsh grass; yes the proper marsh grass can make a difference in the FEMA rating. She suggested that maybe citizens form a committee to seek assistance in making that happen. Cameron Parrish Louisiana did just that and made a change in their rating.

Alderman Wortham stated that last week he may have spoken to soon about the efforts we've been making to limit or eliminate short-term rentals and stated he wanted to make it clear his intent was not to disparage the Mayor and Lisa's efforts. We are getting compliance and ours may be relatively high compared to other cities in this matter. Thank you for your efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Cook stated thanks to everyone and the Mayor for working to keep the tax rate down.

- **Mayor's Comments**

The Mayor stated his thanks to all the Council for their work and the understanding of the frustrations during the budget process.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Wortham, seconded by Alderman Althaus, duly put and unanimously carried, the Council adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mitchell – Administrative Assistant

Daniel S. Konyha, Mayor

Lisa Mitchell – City Secretary