

**SPECIAL CALLED – BUDGET WORKSHOP
AUGUST 11, 2020**

The members of the Bayou Vista City Council convened for a Regular Meeting on August 11, 2020, at the Galveston County Municipal Utility District #12 – Reception Hall, located at 2929 Highway 6, Bayou Vista, Texas. Concerning the following items:

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wortham at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call:

The Roll call was taken audibly and is as follows:

Mayor:	Lou Wortham	Present
Position 1:	Jeff Campbell	Present
Position 2:	Shelby Dill	Present
Position 3:	Paul Hershey	Present
Position 4:	Joshua Christie	Present
Position 5:	James L. Cook, III	Present
(Mayor Pro-Tem)		

Legal Counsel – Dick Gregg was absent.

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

The pledge was led by Mayor Wortham.

5. Citizen’s Comments on Agenda Items Only

Citizens spoke to pros and cons concerning the proposed salary increase in the Police Department.

6. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Special Reports by Aldermen – if any.
No reports were given.

B. Special Reports by the Mayor – if any.
No reports were given.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consider and take possible action to approve an expenditure of \$2,500 from existing Fiscal Year Budget 2019-2020, Fund Number:1004 – Road Repair, for Blue Heron street repair.

A motion was made by Alderman Joshua Christie to approve an expenditure of \$2,500 from the existing FY 2019-2020 Budget for the Blue Heron street repair with the contingency of start date on September 3, 2020, and the length of time for the project to be determined prior to agreeing to have the contractor provide services.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Jeff Campbell.

Members in favor: Mayor Pro-Tem
 Alderman Shelby Dill
 Alderman Jeff Campbell
 Alderman Joshua Christie

Members abstaining: Alderman Paul Hershey

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

- B.** Consider and take possible action to approve use of City pool for Waves Program – Wounded Warriors, to provide scuba lessons with no fees charged for use of this facility, and with Joe Foley coordinating date and time with the Water Aerobics classes for final approval by City Council.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Cook to approve the use of the City Pool for the Waves Program, with dates coordinated with the Aerobics class as per Joe Foley and for Mr. Foley to continue as coordinator of this pool usage.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Shelby Dill.

Motion carried with all in favor.

NOTE: The City Council took a break at 7:33 p.m. and reconvened the meeting At 7:42 p.m.

8. DISCUSSION:

- A.** Discuss and revise, as determined by City Council, the proposed budgeted amounts recommended by Mayor Lou Wortham for anticipated revenues and anticipated expenditures for the Fiscal Year Budget 2020-2021. (Draft 1)

The City Council methodically reviewed the proposed budgeted amount from the Revenues through the Expenditures using the proposed tax rate of \$0.385 which would generate approximately \$908, 370.00.

The following is an overview of revisions in total Revenues:

COA	400	AD VALOREM	\$ 908,832.00
	405	CITY OTHER REVENUE	5,000.00
	406	INTEREST	1,800.00
	410	COURT ADMIN. FEES	5,000.00
	440	DAILY POOL PASS	2,400.00

These revisions will reflect a Budget Revenue of: \$1,203,432.00.

Revision to EXPENDITURES:

COA:	501	COURT CLERK	\$ 39,500.00
	601.1	COURT PROSECUTOR	3,600.00
	700	CHIEF RETIREMENT	2,765.00
	719	NEW VEHICLE	2,000.00
	900	LIFE GUARDS	35,000.00

910	OUT BLDGS (Community Center) Deck	12,000.00
1004	ROAD REPAIR	18,000.00
1007	CONTINGENCY	30,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE:		\$ 1,203,432.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:		<u>1,177,159.00</u>
SURPLUS		\$ 26,273.00

During the review and revisions to the proposed Budget, the Council discussed salaries vs. market adjustments, possible total compensation should be considered, that no new car will be purchased for the PD, dispatching, the necessary repairs to the Community Center, animal control, the contribution to the Fire Department and, with the Fire Chief, John Venzke, addressing questions and concerns.

Discussion concerning use of surplus with suggestion to lower the tax rate by the surplus amount which would benefit all property owners. Discussion continued with use of surplus for road repairs. This surplus will be discussed with determination made at the August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting – Public Hearing.

9. COMMENTS

- **Citizen’s Comments**

Citizen requested the remaining pool hours for this season be posted on the website.

Citizen discussed budgeting and responsibility of Council in this process, and that payroll increases should be considered for all employees.

- **Aldermen Comments**

Alderman Joshua Christie discussed the “Open House” with the Police Department and that the response had been low, but he will continue to reach out. The Water Quality committee has collected two (2) samples from nine-teen (19) stations and will post results.

Citizen requested to address the City Council concerning the “Open House” with the Police Department. He felt it was a great opportunity for the community to get their concerns answered.

Alderman Shelby Dill stated that she would be placing the Pool Policy on the upcoming Agenda in order to revise to include “weather closures.”

- **Mayor’s Comments**

The pool signs have been ordered and should be ready this week. The Regular Meeting on August 25, 2020, will be combined with the Public Hearing concerning the proposed Budget.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Campbell, seconded by Alderman Joshua Christie, duly put and unanimously carried, the City Council adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. Eshelman – Interim City Secretary

Lou Wortham, Mayor