

## **Brenham City Council Budget Workshop Minutes**

A budget workshop meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on July 19, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Brenham City Hall in Conference Room 2-A, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

### Council members present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.  
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix  
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley  
Councilmember Andrew Ebel  
Councilmember Danny Goss  
Councilmember Keith Herring  
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

### Council members absent:

None

### City staff members present:

City Manager Terry Roberts, Assistant City Manager Kyle Dannhaus, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary Amanda Klehm, Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Kaci Konieczny, Wende Ragonis, Susan Nienstedt, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Rex Phelps, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Leslie Kelm, Gary Jeter, Janie Mehrens, Pam Ruemke, and Grant Lischka

### Citizens present:

Betty Fortner and Teddy Boehm

### Media Present:

None

- 1. Mayor Tate called the meeting to order**
- 2. FY2013-14 Budget Workshop Discussion**

City Manager Terry Roberts opened the workshop. Roberts then turned the meeting over to Administrative Services Manager Wende Ragonis to present the FY2013-14 Purchasing and Library Budgets. City Secretary Jeana Bellinger presented the Administration Budget. Chief

Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented the Municipal Court Budget, Finance Budget, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service/Capital Projects Review. Human Resources Manager Susan Nienstedt presented the Human Resources Budget. Risk Management Manager Janie Mehrens presented the Risk Management Budget and Workers Compensation Fund. Recreation Superintendent Jamie Maurer presented the Recreation and Aquatics Budget. Assistant City Manager Kyle Dannhaus presented the Central Fleet Fund.

The following budgets were presented:

- Administrative Services
  - Dept 135 - Purchasing/Warehouse (presented by Wende Ragonis)
  - Dept 146 – Library (presented by Wende Ragonis)
- Administration
  - Dept 121 – Administration (presented by Jeana Bellinger)
- Municipal Courts
  - Dept 155 – Municipal Courts (presented by Carolyn Miller)
- Human Resources
  - Dept 123 – Human Resources (presented by Susan Nienstedt)
- Finance
  - Dept 133 – Finance (presented by Carolyn Miller)
  - Dept 133 – Risk Management (presented by Janie Mehrens)
  - Fund 500 – Workers’ Compensation Fund (presented by Janie Mehrens)
- Recreation and Aquatics
  - Dept 049 – Recreation (presented by Jamie Maurer)
  - Dept 149 – Aquatic Center (presented by Jamie Maurer)
- Special Revenue Funds
  - Funds109/110 – Hotel/Motel (presented by Carolyn Miller)
  - Fund 232 – Donation Fund (presented by Carolyn Miller)
  - Fund 236 – Equipment Fund (presented by Carolyn Miller)
  - Fund 250/252 – BCDC/Capital (presented by Carolyn Miller)
  - Fund 290 – Hwy 290 Fund (presented by Carolyn Miller)
- Central Fleet
  - Fund 220 – Central Fleet (presented by Kyle Dannhaus)

Citizens Betty Fortner and Teddy Boehm representing the Fortnightly Club at the Library Stated they understood what happened with the progress of the new or reconstructed Library plans, but would like to move forward in the future due to the Library’s lack of space and availability for its patrons. Betty Fortner asked if the new Library would be placed in a Bond Election. Terry Roberts stated the Bond Election would probably take place in May 2015. Roberts stated they understand the need to enlarge the building, but they want to explore the renovation and expansion possibilities before deciding on a new building. Roberts stated it is a timing issue, which is why the plans are at a standstill.

Betty Fortner stated the current building is not structurally sound enough to add on without wasting library funds according to what the contractor told her. Teddy Boehm stated they have asked the architecture firm to evaluate the current building to determine if it is useable, but they have not gotten an answer yet. Kyle Dannhaus stated the current building is structurally fine, but has problems that will need to be addressed. Dannhaus reiterated it was bad timing and he feels like they need to hold off because funding is not available at this point.

- Debt Service/Capital Projects Review
  - Debt Service (presented by Carolyn Miller)
  - Capital Projects (presented by Carolyn Miller)
- Tax Rate

The meeting was adjourned.

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Milton Y. Tate, Jr.  
Mayor

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Amanda Klehm  
Deputy City Secretary

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