SPECIAL MEETING

of the

City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas

to be held in The Council Chamber of City Hall

September 15, 1980 at

9:)0 A.M.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Invocation.
- 3. Ordinances
 - (a) Consideration on 2nd and final reading Ordinance approving Budget and Public Hearing.
 - (b) Consideration on 3rd and final reading Ordinance Setting Tax Tevy and Public Hearing.

ADJOURN

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 9 day of September, 1980, at 4:00 p.m.

Ruth Hodgin City Secretary

SPECIAL SESSION - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 1980 - 9:00 A.M.

CHAMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY HALL, THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS.

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in Special Session Monday, September 15, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. with Mayor Oliver Howard, present and presiding. Councilmen Dick Bowen, Leo F. Scott, S.M. Moore, Jr., L.D. Hilton & Councilwoman Kathy Webster, present. Councilman Seaton Higginbotham, absent. City Manager Ed Seegmiller, City Attorney Harvey Cargill & City Secretary Ruth Hodgin, present.

Invocation by Councilman Scott.

Mayor Howard opened public hearing on the Proposed 1980-1981 Budget for the City of Abilene.

Mayor Howard asked Mr. Roy McDaniel, Director of Finance, to brief the Council on the proposed budget.

Mr. McDaniel explained that \$284,000 had been put into Budget for the salary increases for employees, 7% in October and 5% on April. He also explained that a Master's Certification instead of just the College Degree, has been subsitituted in the Fire Department, at the direction of the Task Force for the Fire Department.

Mr. McDaniel pointed out that the Staff had taken out all of the capital items, increased the estimated Sales Tax that the City would be receiving next year, and moved the new accounting system back to the 1979-1980 Budget. He said that there would only be a 6¢ tax increase which would all go to debt service fund.

Charles Nolen, Home Owner, said that he did not approve of the transfer of positions from service to administration. He said that he did not feel that service could be kept at the present level, with the decrease in number.

Mr. Seegmiller said that the increase in administration would be used as a control mechanism for his office.

J. F. Posey, 1418 Cedar, said that he was concerned with the streets on the north side of town, namely Pine & Walnut. They are in a state of disrepair, and he felt that the cut in personnel for the street department would make it worse in the coming year.

Mr. Seegmiller said that repair of Pine Street would be done within the next year, because the engineering department was preparing plans and specifications now.

There being no one else present and desiring to be heard, Mayor Howard closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Webster moved passage of the ordinance on 2nd and final reading approving revised budget figures for Fiscal Year 1979-1980; approving and adopting budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 1980, through September 30, 1981, & appropriating necessary funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moore. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Bowen, Scott, Moore, Hilton, Councilwoman Webster & Mayor Howard.

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REVISED BUDGET FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979-1980; APPROVING AND ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 1980, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1981, FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

BUDGET-1980-1981 APPROVED PUBLIC HEARING-FINAL READING Mayor Howard opened public hearing on the proposed Tax Increase of $6\,\varsigma$ for the fiscal year 1980.

Mr. McDaniel explained that the increase of 6¢ would raise the tax rate from \$1.40 per \$100.00 valuation, to \$1.46 on each \$100.00 valuation. He pointed out that the entire increase would go into the debt service fund.

Mr. Charles Nolen, Home Owner, said that he was requesting a tax increase of 5¢ additional, in order to improve the Police Department and put more patrolmen on the street. He said that the public was concerned with the increase in crime within the City.

There being no one else present and desiring to be heard, Mayor Howard closed the public hearing.

Councilman Moore moved passage of the ordinance on third reading increasing the tax rate to \$1.46 per \$100.00 valuation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bowen. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Bowen, Scott, Moore, Hilton, Councilwoman Webster & Mayor Howard.

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1980; LEVYING AN OCCUPATIONAL TAX AND AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 1980; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING AN EFFECT-IVE DATE.

Mayor Howard presented the proposed salary increase for the Council employees which are the following & includes a 9.7% increase:

> City Manager \$50,846. City Attorney \$35,323. City Judge \$26,328. City Secretary \$17,113.

SALARIES-COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

Councilman Scott moved approval of the above recommendation on salaries for the Council employees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moore. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Bowen, Scott, Moore, Hilton, Councilwoman Webster & Mayor Howard.

NAYS: None.

There being no further business, Mayor Howard adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

City Secretary

TAX INCREASE-1980 THIRD & FINAL READING