

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, WILL BE HELD IN THE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE PROPOSED 1987-88 BUDGET.

1:30 P.M. July 29, 1987
8:30 A. M. July 30 & 31, 1987

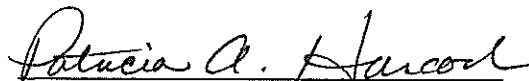
AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Invocation.
3. Staff and City Council Workshop on Budget and Tax Levy for the City of Abilene:
 - a. Staff Presentation
 - b. Review of General Fund
 - c. Review Water and Sewer Fund
 - d. Presentation by Outside Agencies
 - e. Complete Review of Water and Sewer Funds and All Other Funds
 - f. Executive Session:
 1. Pending and Contemplated Litigation (see Notice for Executive Session, Litigation for listing subjects).
 2. Appointment and Evaluation of Public Officials (see Notice for Executive Session, Personnel for listing subjects).
4. Ordinances:
 - a. Consider on 1st Reading - Ordinance Approving Revised 1986-87 Budget and Proposed 1987-88 Budget.
 - b. Consider on 1st Reading - Ordinance Setting Tax Levy.

ADJOURN

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 24th day of July, 1987, at 5:00 o'clock p.m..


Patricia A. Hancock
City Secretary

BUDGET WORK SESSION
JULY 29, 30 & 31, 1987

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,
BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a budget work session on July 29, 30 and 31, 1987, in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall. Mayor Dale E. Ferguson was present and presiding with Councilman Gary D. McCaleb, Councilwoman Betty Ray, Councilmen Walter E. Wheat, Tom Ceniglis, Welton Robinson and Harold Nixon. Also present were City Manager Jim C. Blagg, Assistant City Managers Rickey Childers and Roy McDaniel, Director of Finance David M. Wright, Budget Officer Jay Singleton, Municipal Information Officer Sandy Test and City Secretary Patricia Hancock.

The Council convened at 1:30 p.m. on July 29, 1987. The invocation was given by Councilman Tom Ceniglis.

City Manager Jim Blagg introduced the session by overwiewing the City's performance and demands over the past three years. He spoke in regard to his recommended budget, which proposes the Council adopt the effective tax rate, which has been calculated at 51.11 cents.

David Wright, Director of Finance, described to the Council the effective tax rate as specified by State Law, and how much revenue it generates for the City.

Mr. Blagg continued by updating the Council with information that has changed in two areas since the proposed budget was given to the Council.

- 1) The Central Tax Authority Board of Directors certified the City's tax roll at \$114,000 less than the initial roll that is specified in option #1 of the proposed budget; and
- 2) The State Legislature adopted legislation to expand the Sales Tax, which should generate a \$300,000 increase in sales tax rebates over Option #1 for a net increase to the General Fund of \$186,000 in total revenue.

The Council proceeded with its review of the budget by reviewing the line-item detail of each division. Divisions reviewed were City Council through Parks Administration. Council then recessed until July 30, 1987.

The City Council reconvened the budget work session on July 30, 1987, at 8:30 a.m. Mayor Dale E. Ferguson was present and presiding. Invocation was given by Councilwoman Betty Ray. Council continued the line-item review beginning with the Zoo Division.

Council directed staff to investigate the cost effectiveness of the Transit System relative to analysis of managing the system with the present management contract versus the City managing the system. Council completed its review of each budget.

Councilman Wheat expressed his concerns on the small object expenditures, such as office supplies, travel, contributions, etc., that add up to large total dollars. He offered that maybe Council should look at those areas in light of reductions to each.

Council recessed until 1:15 p.m., at which time presentations from outside organizations will be given.

The budget review convened in the basement conference room at 1:15 and due to the large attendance, was moved to the Council Chambers, beginning with a presentation from Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

Mr. Russ Evans, Executive Director, began with an overview of the creation of the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center and the contractual agreement between the Cities of Abilene, Stamford, and counties of Taylor and Callahan. The contract commits these entities to participate, through funding, a share to operate the Abilene Regional MH/MR center. He emphasized that the MH/MR Center is a unit of local government.

He reviewed the Rape Crisis Program, whose operation is totally based upon funding from the City of Abilene. Even though the Council will not make the direct decision to close the Center, the MH/MR Board is responsible for that decision, the end result will be the same if Council eliminates funding to MH/MR.

He overvieded State mandated services the Center must provide to receive State funding. Additionally, he referenced the Abileneans Helping Abileneans study which recommends an increase in the Call-For-Help program.

Mr. Evans briefed the Council on the economic benefits to the City that the Center generates, as well as the contract with MH/MR and the City for recreational activities for the special populations program.

Mr. Karl S. Karrenbrock, Abilene Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, spoke in regard to their programs and services. He referenced the Abileneans Helping Abileneans study and its recommendation to continue educational programs for the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse. Mary Busby, Abilene Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, gave a specific breakdown of the numbers of people which received services from the Council, directly funded by the City. She referenced National surveys which reflect the use of alcohol and drugs start at the 5th and 6th grades. Utilizing the City's funding, the Council creates programs with the Abilene Independent School District for elementary school children.

Mr. H. C. Zachry, President of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, overvieded the organizational structure of the Chamber, made up of the Cultural Affairs Council, Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Industrial Foundation. He recognized those in attendance supporting the Chamber.

Mr. C. G. Whitten, Cultural Affairs Council, described the goals of the Cultural Affairs Council. He described the programs that are provided from funding from the City's Hotel-Motel Tax.

Dr. Russell Dressen, Vice President of the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, showed a graphic depiction of the Hotel/Motel tax circulation cycle; conventions budget versus economic impact; the marketing plan; and visitors sales that are generated in Abilene.

Mr. Zachry concluded by emphasizing the importance of this funding for the Chamber of Commerce.

The City Council recessed until 8:30 a.m. July 31.

The City Council reconvened in budget work session on July 31, 1987, at 8:30 a.m. Mayor Dale E. Ferguson was present and presiding. Invocation was given by Councilman Walter Wheat.

The Council began discussions on their individual philosophy of the budget. They shared their personal feelings on the budget, as well as the citizen input they have each received.

Mayor Ferguson asked the Council to lay out any proposals, with the exception of personnel matters:

Councilman Nixon proposed to adopt Option #1 in the proposed budget with the following changes:

<u>Add:</u>	
Portion of the Summer Recreation Programs	\$101,400
Street Sweeping (1/2)	121,030
Clean & Proud	14,860
MH/MR (designate to Rape Crisis)	51,250
Council on Alcoholism	8,310
Chamber of Commerce	50,000
Bookmobile	17,430
Extended Call for Help Program	60,000
1/2 Certification & Education Pay	152,300
1/2 Stability Pay	115,850
Total.....	<u>\$692,430</u>

<u>Additional Funds</u> to cover Councilman Nixon's Addition:	
Expanded Sales Tax	\$186,000
Reduce Cars Going Home	20,000
Landfill Savings	80,000
50% reduction in car allowances	52,890
5% reduction of all general fund expenses	157,046
Tax rate .4966	200,000
	<u>\$695,936</u>

Councilman Robinson agrees basically. Add additional funds:
 Transit System Operations Savings \$ 30,000
 Travel/Training/Dues/Subscriptions reduce 1/2 60,270
 Total.....\$ 90,270

Councilman Ceniglis: Adopt Option #1, add:
 Chamber of Commerce \$ 50,000
 Mental Health/Mental Retardation 51,250
 Street Sweeping 121,030
 Education/Certification 152,300
 Council on Alcoholism 8,310
 Call-For-Help expanded program 67,272
 Police Facilities (2 mo. operating costs) 66,000
 Summer Recreation Programs 151,400
 Total.....\$667,562

Funds

Cut Vehicles going home by 1/2 \$ 30,000
 Cut Car Allowances 1/2 54,690
 Landfill savings 80,000
 Personnel Cuts 200,500
 Reductions in all line items (except Personnel) 116,000
 Cancel exemption to Hotel/Motel Tax 30,000
 Expanded Sales Tax 186,000
 No Tax increase
 Total..... \$697,190

Councilman Wheat agrees basically with proposals submitted plus add additional reductions:
 5 Police Cars (1-to-1 program) \$ 66,500

Councilwoman Ray agrees basically and added the following comments:
 Allow Dues to Professional Organizations and Subscriptions only
 Travel/dues & subscriptions
 Staff re-analyze for additional savings

Councilman McCaleb agrees basically and added the following:
Study Transit System Management situation and if benefits can be realized; adjust budget appropriately.
 Would like to see a .4966 Tax Rate

Mayor agrees basically, however, added the following comments:

Don't add back:

Clean & Proud	\$ 14,860
1/2 Stability Pay	115,840
Bookmobile	<u>17,430</u>
	\$ 148,130

Funds:

Personnel cuts increased to	\$ 284,000
Eliminate cars going home that are out of town and 50% of all cars going home	30,000
Car allowances reduced by 50%	<u>54,690</u>
	\$ 368,690

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to adopt Option #1 in the proposed budget with the following amendments:

Add to Option #1 the following:

Summer Recreation Programs	\$101,400
Street Sweeping 1/2	121,030
Mental Health/Mental Retardation (Rape Crisis)	51,250
Council on Alcoholism	8,310
Chamber of Commerce	50,000
Call For Help, Expanded	60,000
Certification/Education Pay 1/2	152,300
Stability Pay 1/2	115,850
Police Facility (2 months operation)	<u>66,000</u>
Total.....	\$726,140

Add Revenue:

Hotel-Motel Tax exemptions	\$ 15,000
Sales Tax Expanded	186,000
Reduce Cars Going Home	30,000
(eliminate any going outside City Limits)	
Landfill Savings	80,000
Reduce Car Allowances 50%	53,940
Personnel Cuts	200,000
General Fund Line Item Reductions	157,000
Weed Mowing Program Revenue	<u>25,000</u>
Total.....	\$746,940

Mayor Ferguson recessed the Council into executive session in accordance with State law, Articles 2e and 2g of the Open Meetings Act, to consider pending and contemplated litigation and the appointment and evaluation of public officials.

The Council reconvened from executive session and reported no action taken in executive session.

The Council continued their discussions on the tax rate and additional reductions in personnel. Council Members shared their personal views on each subject. After much discussion, the Mayor entertained a motion to adopt the FY 1987-88 budget and approve the tax levy ordinance.

Councilman Ceniglis moved to approve the above proposal, Option #1 with amendments; and an ordinance on first reading approving the revised budget for FY 1986-87, adopting a budget for FY 1987-88, and set a public hearing for August 27, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wheat and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, and Mayor Ferguson.
NAYS: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilman Nixon.


AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REVISED BUDGET FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986-1987; APPROVING AND ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 1987, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1988, FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

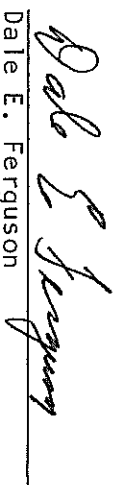
Councilman Wheat moved to approve on first reading an ordinance approving the assessment roll for 1987 and setting a tax rate for FY 1987-88 at \$.4866 and calling a public hearing for August 27, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robinson and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, and Mayor Ferguson.
NAYS: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilman Nixon.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1987, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 1987; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.


Patricia Hancock
City Secretary


Date E. Ferguson
Mayor