

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**September 7, 2006, 8:30 a.m.**

The City Council of Abilene, Texas met in a Special Meeting in the Council Chambers at Abilene City Hall to consider an ordinance on second and final reading approving the Revised 2005-06 Budget and Proposed 2006-07 Budget and an ordinance considered on final reading setting the FY 2006-07 Tax Levy. Mayor Norm Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Sam Chase, Anthony Williams, Stormy Higgins, and Councilwomen Laura Moore and Celia Davis. Also present were City Manager Larry Gilley, City Attorney Sharon Hicks, City Secretary Jo Moore, and various members of the City staff. Councilman Joe Spano was absent.

Mayor Archibald called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Councilman Higgins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Ordinances:**

**Public Hearing:**

- a. Consider on second and final reading – Ordinance approving Revised 2005-06 Budget and Proposed 2006-07 Budget.

Mayor Archibald stated the purpose of today's meeting is for Council to consider an ordinance on second and final reading to approve the Revised 2005-06 Budget and Proposed 2006-07 Budget, to consider an ordinance on final reading setting FY 2006-07 Tax Levy and to hold the appropriate public hearings.

City Manager Larry Gilley stated during the budget worksessions, the City Council approved a General Fund Revised 2005-06 Budget of \$62,510,740 and a Proposed 2006-07 Budget of \$63,456,130. The Proposed Budget can be funded at the tax rate of 66.78 cents. Staff recommends that the City Council hold the public hearing and approve the Budget Ordinance on second and final reading. The budgets are to be voted on and approved prior to Council voting on the Ordinance setting the FY 2006-07 tax levy.

Mayor Archibald opened a public hearing on the item and the following individual addressed Council:

- Betty Bradley, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels – Ms. Bradley confirmed the funding for the Meals on Wheels program in the Proposed FY 2006-07 Budget and expressed her appreciation to Council for approving the additional funding. Ms. Bradley noted the Meals on Wheels program currently serves five (5) meals per week per person to over 1,000 people in Abilene.

Mayor Archibald stated that although the funding to the Meals on Wheels program is a one time grant Council was glad to be able to provide that funding. Ms. Bradley acknowledged her understanding that this funding is for one time only and stated the possibility that Meals on Wheels will request the funding again during next year's budget process.

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

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Councilwoman Moore made a motion to approve the ordinance considered on second and final reading approving the Revised 2005-06 Budget and Proposed 2006-07 Budget, as recommended by staff. Councilwoman Davis seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Williams, Higgins, Councilwomen Moore and Davis, and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

The Ordinance is numbered **43-2006** and captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REVISED BUDGET FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006; APPROVING AND ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2006, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007, FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

**Public Hearing:**

b. Consider on final reading – Ordinance setting FY 2006-07 Tax Levy.

The FY 2007 Budget approved by Council on July 27, 2006 set the tax rate at 66.78 cents. State law requires that two (2) public hearings must be held prior to the final public hearing and vote. The first public hearing was held on August 10, 2006, and the second public hearing was held on August 24, 2006. Staff recommends that the City Council hold the final public hearing today and approve the Tax Levy Ordinance on second and final reading.

Mayor Archibald opened a public hearing on the item and there being no one present and desiring to be heard the public hearing was closed.

Council reiterated the fact that this tax rate is based upon funding needed for the bonds that were approved by Abilene voters at the May 13, 2006 Bond Election. Council also noted the benefits the bond projects will provide to the community.

Councilman Chase made a motion to approve the Ordinance setting the FY 2006-07 Tax Levy by stating "I move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 66.78 cents per \$100 valuation." Councilman Higgins seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Williams, Higgins, Councilwomen Moore and Davis, and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

The Ordinance is numbered **44-2006** and captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2006, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 2006; PROVIDING FOR THE

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ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Archibald encouraged those present to attend a press conference that would be held at 11:00 a.m. today at 17<sup>th</sup> and Pine St. concerning the new Texas Tech Pharmacy School. The Mayor also noted the next Council meeting would be held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and that the Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting has been moved to Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

5. Executive Session was not held.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

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Jo Moore  
City Secretary

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Norm Archibald  
Mayor