

**SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSESSION
JULY 27, 2010, 8:30 a.m.**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL**

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a Special Meeting to conduct a budget work session at 8:30 a.m. on July 27, 2010 in the City Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Norm Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Joe Spano, Anthony Williams, Stormy Higgins, Robert O. Briley and Councilwoman Kellie Miller. Also present were City Manager Larry D. Gilley, Director of Finance Mindy Patterson, Assistant Director of Finance Mike Rains, City Attorney Dan Santee, Assistant City Secretary Tiffni Herrera, and various other members of staff.

Councilwoman Kellie Miller gave the invocation and Mayor Archibald led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

Mayor Archibald summarized the budget discussions held on July 26th, and clarified for a citizen and the public that Abilene's current sales tax rate is at the maximum allowed by the State of Texas at 8.25%.

Mayor Archibald made a motion to approve on first reading the Ordinance approving the revised 2009-2010 Budget and the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget with additional funding for the Abilene Fire Department First Responder/Paramedic Program, \$229,500 for the equipment to be borrowed from the Fleet Replacement Fund which will be paid back over a 5 year period at \$50,000 per year, \$25,000 for medical direction and protocol funded with adjustments to the General Fund, and three Field Resource Medics to be phased in over time with any surplus of sales tax revenue above the projected flat rate. Councilman Higgins seconded the motion.

AYES: Councilmen Price, Spano, Williams, Briley and Higgins, Councilwoman Miller, and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REVISED BUDGET FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010; APPROVING AND ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2010, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Archibald made a motion to approve on first reading of the Ordinance approving the Ordinance setting the Tax Levy at .6986 per \$100 valuation, as recommended by staff. Councilman Spano seconded the motion.

AYES: Councilmen Price, Spano, Williams, Briley and Higgins, Councilwoman Miller, and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2010, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 2010; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Archibald requested that each Council member nominate two people to serve on an Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee to assist with the direction of the Abilene Fire Department First Responder/Paramedic Program. The council members are to provide the names of the two nominees at the August 12th, 2010 regular meeting of the Council.

Mayor Archibald stated the final reading, public hearing, and vote on the FY 2010-2011 Budget and proposed tax levy ordinances will be on the Council's September 9, 2010 agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Danette Dunlap
City Secretary

Norm Archibald
Mayor