

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
September 24th 2012, at 8:30 a.m.

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

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in Special Called Session on September 24th, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Pro-tem Higgins was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Anthony Williams, Joe Spano, Robert O. Briley, and Councilwoman Kellie Miller. Mayor Archibald was absent. Also present were City Manager Larry Gilley, Assistant City Attorney Theresa James, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various members of the City staff.

Councilman Briley gave the invocation.

Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

5.0 None

CONSENT AGENDA

6.0 No Items

REGULAR ITEMS

7.1 Mindy Patterson Director of Finance, briefed the council on the Ordinance for the Proposed 2012-13 Budget.

During the budget work sessions, the City Council approved a General Fund Proposed 2012-13 Budget of \$75,740,100. The Proposed Budget can be funded at the tax rate of 68.60¢.

Mayor Pro-tem Higgins opened the public hearing and there being no one present and desiring to be heard the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Briley made the motion to approve the Ordinance adopting and approving the budget for FY 2012-2013. Councilman Spano seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Price, Spano, Williams, Briley and Councilwoman Miller and Mayor Pro-tem Higgins.

NAYS: None

Ordinance **#44-2012**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2012, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

7.2 Mindy Patterson Director of Finance, briefed the council on the Ordinance for the Proposed FY 2012-13 Tax-Rate.

The FY 2013 Budget approved by Council on July 30, 2012 set the tax rate at 68.60¢. 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 23, 2012, and the second public hearing was held on September 13, 2012. This is the final public hearing and vote.

Mayor Pro-tem Higgins opened the public hearing and there being no one present and desiring to be heard the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the ordinance that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 68.60¢ per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 2.205 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilman Spano seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Price, Spano, Williams, Briley and Councilwoman Miller and Mayor Pro-tem Higgins.

NAYS: None

Ordinance **#45-2012**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2012, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 2012; 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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Danette Dunlap, TRMC
City Secretary

Robert W. Higgins
Mayor Pro-tem