

## SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 5:30 p.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 Called Meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Bruce Kreitler, Weldon Hurt, Kyle McAlister, Steve Savage and Councilwoman Donna Albus. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various other members of staff.

Councilman Steve Savage gave the invocation.

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

**3.1 Ordinance & Public Hearing:** Proposed FY 2018 Tax Rate and setting a public hearing and final vote on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ 5:30 pm.

Robert Hanna, City Manager briefed the city council on changes that had occurred during the budget workshop and some proposed changes after looking at the numbers.

#### FY 2018 General Fund Budget

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Reduced take home vehicles		(50,000)	
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Council and Staff discussion included: 1) take home vehicles; 2) over view of the changes made during the budget workshop; 3) proposed changes regarding fire personnel costs, move police academy from April to January, take home vehicle funding and across the board salary increase of 2.5% for non-civil service, and 1% for sworn fire personnel effective January 1, 2018; 4) concern about the penny tax increase that will be going to the Convention Center and the proposed acoustical treatment for the Convention Center; and 5) Street Maintenance Fee will be coming to the council at the end of the month as an ordinance.

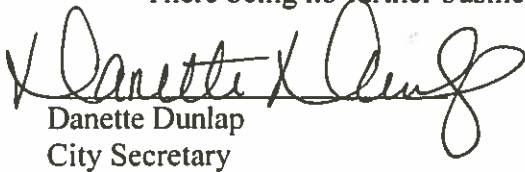
No action taken by council.

Mayor Williams opened the public comment period and the council heard from the following citizens:

- Ryan Marrs – inquired into the street maintenance fund and whether there would be exemptions for businesses
- Bob Thomas – spoke about the 7% increase to the proposed budget and whether or not citizens have had that percentage in their pay

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
Danette Dunlap  
City Secretary

  
Anthony Williams  
Mayor