

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
BUDGET WORK SESSION
September 5, 2019 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 a Special Called Meeting on September 5, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Mayor Pro-tem Weldon Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Donna Albus and Councilmembers Shane Price, Jack Rentz, Kyle McAlister, and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, City Secretary Shawna Atkinson, and various members of the City staff.

Councilmember Shane Price delivered the invocation.

Heaven Wade, Sean Jones and Arianna Hodges, all 5th graders at Thomas Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Ordinance and Public Hearing (Second Reading): Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2020 Tax Rate; Setting a Public Hearing and Final Vote for September 12, 2019

Mike Rains, Director of Finance presented the item. He gave a brief overview of the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2020.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. The following addressed the city council:

- David Swart – stated only two things in life are certain, death and taxes. He thinks if the City is having to round the tax rate up to one-hundredths of a cent, they are really serious about taxes. He gave some examples of tax rates going up and stated he thinks the City should allocate more than one cent of the money to the Convention Center. He thinks the citizens of Abilene will not vote for a bond election on this so it should be taken care of in the tax rate increase. Also stated that he thinks the Convention Center budget should be larger than the advertising budget.


With no other speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

This item was for discussion and public hearing only. The final public hearing and vote on the tax rate will be during the September 12, 2019, regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: 9/12/19