

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WALLER  
CITY OF HEMPSTEAD**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2022 at 10:00 A.M. the City Council met in a Budget Workshop at the City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas, there being present, to-wit:

Erica Gillum, Mayor  
Lonnie Garfield, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember

Cindy Pearce, Councilmember  
Raul Villarreal, Councilmember  
Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary

Others present at the meeting included Rooster Smith, David Hartley, Kollye Kilpatrick, Katherine Ragston, Pat Coleman, Sharee Shepard, and Sabrina Alvarez.

Mayor Gillum called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and Mayor Pro-Tem Garfield gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

No Public Comments were made.

Recreation and Parks Department was discussed. Katherine Ragston gave a recap of the line items and what money was designated and what the money is for. She stated that some line items were kept the same as last years budget, since this is her first year in both departments, and some of the money has not been used.

Sabrina Alvarez discussed and went through the 2022 Tax Rate Worksheet explaining line per line how to get the City's proposed taxable value and tax rate for 2023.

Rooster went through each department pointing out certain line items. There were certain amounts that have stayed the same and why others are higher than last year budget, mainly wish list of various departments of what is wanted.

The Police Department Budget was discussed. Chief Hartley is requesting two more detectives and four more officers. The current body cameras will have to be added in budget, since they were approved. He is wanting two new Tahoe's and a Traverse, and these will added if the request for two new detectives is approved.

The Building Department Budget was discussed. Rent for the Wiesner Building will need to be added to the budget, along with rent for a printer. An additional vehicle is needed for the new building inspector.

In the Public Works Departments, discussion was held on the need to replace the dump truck in the water department at an approximate cost of \$109,500. A truck in the sewer department needs

to be replaced with a truck with a lift gate at an approximate cost of \$42,910. A twelve inch water line is needed at 25<sup>th</sup> and Calvit Street along with a fire hydrant at an approximate cost of \$180,405.

The cemetery department will be out of the budget and the Parks Department as well. We will combined Parks and Recreation as one and add the Grounds Maintenance Department.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2022.

**APPROVED:**

**/s/ Erica Gillum, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**/s/ Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary**