

On this the 1st day of September 2022, the City Council of the City of Brownfield met in a regular session with the following members present:

Mayor Tom Hesse
Council Member Isaiah Bautista, At Large
Council Member Michael Tackitt, At Large
Council Member Celso Duran, District 2
Council Member JC Tijerina, District 3
Council Member Eric Horton, District 5

Absent
Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Cooper
Council Member Kelli Mendez, District 1

Others Present:
City Manager, Jeff Davis
City Secretary Kelly Burris
City Attorney, Matt Wade

Mayor Hesse declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by Council Member Horton.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag were led by Mayor Hesse.

The first item for the Council was to hear public comments on agenda items. There was no public comment submitted at this time.

Next, the Council approved the minutes of August 4, 2022. Council Member Tackitt moved with a second from Council Member Bautista to approve the minutes of August 4, 2022, as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Bautista, Tackitt, Duran, Tijerina, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No." Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

The Council then considered the preliminary budget and call for a public hearing on the budget on September 8, 2022. The preliminary budget is finalized, and the terms of our charter require that the council must call a public hearing on the proposed budget. The public hearing on the City of Brownfield 2022-2023 fiscal year budget will be held on September 8, 2022, at 7:30 A.M. In the Council Chambers, all interested parties are encouraged to speak for or against the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget at that time. Council Member Tackitt moved with a second from Council Member Horton to call for a public hearing on the budget on September 8, 2022. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Bautista, Tackitt, Duran, Tijerina, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No." Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Council then proposed the 2022 Property Tax Rate for the City of Brownfield. In the proposed City of Brownfield 2022-2023 fiscal year budget, the Proposed Tax Rate is the No-New Revenue Rate. The Proposed No-New Revenue Tax Rate will bring in the same amount of Ad Valorem Tax Revenue as the

2021-2022 fiscal year, however, due to increased property valuations at the time of rendering, the 2022 Tax Rate will decrease from \$.539139 to \$.530387 or a decrease of \$.08752 per \$100 valuation. Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Tijerina to accept the proposed No-New Revenue Tax Rate of \$.530387 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Bautista, Tackitt, Duran, Tijerina, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No." Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Next, the Council heard and considered the monthly financial report. Under the City Charter, the Director of Finance (City Manager) shall submit to the Council a monthly statement of all receipts and disbursements in sufficient detail to show the exact financial condition of the City. City Manager, Jeff Davis, reviewed the monthly financial reports for July 2022. Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Bautista to approve the monthly financial reports for July 2022 as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Bautista, Tackitt, Duran, Tijerina, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No." Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

The Council then heard and considered the monthly investment report. Under the City of Brownfield's Investment Policy, the Director of Finance (City Manager) shall cause a quarterly investment report to be prepared and presented to the City Council showing returns from the investment program. The reports shall comply with Section 2256.023 of the Public Funds Investment Act at a minimum. City Manager, Jeff Davis, presented the monthly investment report for July 2022. Council Member Tackitt moved with a second from Council Member Tijerina to approve the monthly investment report for July 2022 as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Bautista, Tackitt, Duran, Tijerina, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No." Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Council then heard and considered the quarterly update and report by the City of Brownfield Police Chief. Chief Serbantez presented information regarding the response to calls for service, the investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of criminals, the operation of the animal control department, 911 emergency dispatch services, and emergency management services for the period of April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. After some discussion, Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Bautista to approve the quarterly update and report by the Brownfield Police Chief as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Bautista, Tackitt, Duran, Tijerina, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No." Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Next, the Council heard and considered the quarterly update and report by the City of Brownfield Code Enforcement Officer. Code Enforcement Officer, Andres Juarez, spoke to the council regarding the correction of property maintenance, building maintenance, and Code of Ordinance violations for the period of April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Tijerina to approve the quarterly update and report from the Brownfield Code Enforcement Officer. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Bautista, Tackitt, Duran, Tijerina, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No." Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

The Council then recognized the Employee of the Month for August 2022. The Human Resources/Payroll Tech, Helen Martinez was recognized as the Employee of the Month. No action was taken.

Council then discussed and considered a solid waste cost of services study for evaluations of collection operations, disposal operations, and tipping fees for ratepayers of the city of Brownfield. As discussed in the City of Brownfield 2022-2023 fiscal year budget work session a comprehensive study of rates at the sanitary landfill is needed, staff reached out to Parkhill who has done these studies in the past and they offered the current proposal. City Manager, Jeff Davis, reviewed the reason for the study and the proposal. Mr. Davis recommended issuing Request For Proposals (RFP) for the study. Council Member Tackitt moved with a second from Council Member Tijerina to issue Request For Proposals. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Bautista, Tackitt, Duran, Tijerina, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No." Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Next, the Council considered casting the City's ballot in the election of the Board of Trustees for the Texas Municipal League Health Benefits Pool. On July 21, 2022, the Council submitted a name of a qualified person (Elena Quintanilla) to be placed on the ballot for the TML Health Benefits Board of Trustees for Region 3. TML Health Benefits Pool has requested the selection of a candidate be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the governing body. Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Duran to vote for Elena Quintanilla. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Bautista, Tackitt, Duran, Tijerina, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No." Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Council then discussed and considered a Type 3 Special Event Application submitted by Saint Anthony's Catholic Church the Jamaica to be held in Coleman Park on September 10, 2022. On August 23, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Board met, and all requirements have been met and therefore recommends the application to Council for approval. Upon receiving notification from the Parks Board that all requirements of the City of Brownfield Code of Ordinances Article 15.1500 "Type 3 Special Events" have been met by the applicant, the City Council shall consider the application for a Type 3 Special Event permit and grant the permit, grant the permit with conditions, or deny the permit at a regular city council meeting. Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Bautista to approve the Type 3 Special Event Application submitted by Saint Anthony's Catholic Church for the Jamaica event to be held in Coleman Park on September 10, 2022. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Bautista, Tackitt, Duran, Tijerina, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No." Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

At 8:10 A.M. the Council went into an Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 to discuss and deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. Also, in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 personnel matters- to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee- Municipal Court Judge.

At 8:38 A.M. the Council returned to open session taking no action.

Next, the Mayor reviewed the announcements. No action was taken.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Tom Hesse, Mayor

Kelly Burris, City Secretary