

On this the 15th 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
Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Cooper
Council Member Isaiah Bautista, At Large
Council Member Michael Tackitt, At Large
Council Member Kelli Mendez, District 1
Council Member Celso Duran, District 2
Council Member JC Tijerina, District 3
Council Member Eric Horton, District 5

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 Steve Carter.

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 September 8, 2022. Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Cooper to approve the minutes of September 8, 2022, as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Cooper, Bautista, Tackitt, Mendez, 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 monthly financial report for August 2022. 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 financial statements. Council Member Cooper moved with a second from Council Member Horton to approve the monthly financial report for August 2022. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Cooper, Bautista, Tackitt, Mendez, 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, 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 monthly 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, reviewed the investment report for August 2022. Council Member Cooper moved with a second from Council Member Tackitt to approve the monthly investment report for August 2022 as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Cooper, Bautista, Tackitt, Mendez,

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 adoption of the City of Brownfield 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. On September 8, 2022, the City Council held a public hearing on the budget submitted and all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard for or against any item or the amount of any item therein contained. After such hearing, the budget may be adopted by a favorable vote of a majority vote the members of the Council. The budget shall be adopted no later than the twenty-seventh day of the last month of the fiscal year. City Manager, Jeff Davis, spoke to the Council and reviewed the budget. Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Bautista to adopt the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget for the City of Brownfield. This motion was put to a vote by roll call with Council Member Cooper, Bautista, Tackitt, Mendez, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2130

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNFIELD, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; PROVIDING THAT EXPENDITURES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET; APPROPRIATING AND SETTING ASIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS OUT OF THE GENERAL AND OTHER REVENUES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

At 7:41 A.M. the Council held a public hearing for all interested citizens of the City of Brownfield for the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. A public hearing shall be held for the City of Brownfield 2022 Tax Rate and must be held before the Council makes its tax levy after adopting the budget. The public hearing closed at 7:43 A.M. since no one wished to speak.

Next, the Council considered the adoption of the City of Brownfield 2022 Tax Rate. 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 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 \$.008752 or 1.62% per \$100 valuation. Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Tackitt to approve the 2022 Tax Rate of \$.530387 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. This motion was put to a vote by roll call with Council Member Cooper, Bautista, Tackitt, Mendez, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2131

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNFIELD LEVYING TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE CITY OF BROWNFIELD, TERRY COUNTY, TEXAS AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE TAX YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.

Council _____ then discussed and considered Ordinance No. 2132 of the City Council of the City of Brownfield, amending the Brownfield City Code by amending Appendix "A", Article 7.000 entitled "Utility Related Fees", by amending Section 7.600 entitled, "Water Service Connection Fees". During the budget worksession, there was some discussion regarding the water tapping fees for a ¾" and 1" new water tap. Due to an increase in material cost, an increase is required for the water taps. The increases are for materials only, no labor. All taps greater than 1" will be at actual cost to the City. The fees are as follows:

Size of Water Service	Total Service Charges Unpaved Area
¾" Meter	\$600.00
1" Meter	\$1,000.00
2" Meter	Actual Cost to City
4" Meter	Actual Cost to City
6" Meter	Actual Cost to City

Council Member Cooper moved with a second from Council Member Bautista to approve Ordinance No. 2131, amending the cost of water service connections. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Cooper, Bautista, Tackitt, Mendez, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2132

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNFIELD, AMENDING THE BROWNFIELD CITY CODE BY AMENDING APPENDIX "A" ARTICLE 7.000 ENTITLED "UTILITY RELATED FEES" BY AMENDING SECTION 7.600 ENTITLED "WATER SERVICE CONNECTION FEES" ESTABLISHING RATES FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER UTILITIES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Council then considered the termination of the Drought Response Stage 1 "Mild water Shortage" as recommended by the Director of Water/Wastewater. On July 19, 2022, the Director of Water/Wastewater issued a Stage 1 Mild Water Shortage in response to the increased water consumption due to the drought conditions. The current daily water consumption has decreased and warrants lifting the voluntary water restrictions. Director, James Nix spoke to the Council regarding the termination of the restrictions, effective immediately. No action was taken on this item.

Next, the Council heard and considered the quarterly update and report by the City of Brownfield Fire Chief on calls for service, equipment, fire prevention and codes, facility inspections, critical incidents, departmental operations, plan review, staffing, and volunteers. Fire Chief, Dennis Rowe, presented the quarterly report for April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. Council Member Cooper moved with a second from Council Member Tijerina to approve the report as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Cooper, Bautista, Tackitt, Mendez, 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 Building Official on permits, inspections, complaints, nuisances, building plan review, and any other related matters. Building Official, Israel Limon was not present, therefore, City Manager, Jeff Davis, presented the report for April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. Council Member Cooper moved with a second from Council Member Tackitt to approve the report as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Cooper, Bautista, Tackitt, Mendez, 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 quarterly report by the City of Brownfield Parks and Recreational Director on the maintenance of parks and related facilities, recreational programs, and special events in the community. Director Jackson reviewed the report for April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. Council Member Tackitt moved with a second from Council Member Cooper to approve the quarterly report as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Cooper, Bautista, Tackitt, Mendez, 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 Mayor reviewed the announcements. No action was taken.

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

Attest:

Kelly Burris, City Secretary

Tom Hesse, Mayor