



**CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS
BUDGET WORKSHOP
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017
8:00 A.M. - 955 PINEY POINT ROAD**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muecke called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Present: Mayor Brian Muecke

Councilmember Carrol McGinnis	Kelly Johnson, City Admin./Secr.-Treasurer
Councilmember Barry Putterman (left at 9:31 a.m.)	
Councilmember Shirley Rouse	Lane Standley, Building Official
Councilmember Bob Wiener	David Gott, Police Chief
Councilmember Matt Woodruff	Captain Paul Warner
	Lisa Modisette, Asst. City Secretary

Absent: Alan Petrov, City Attorney

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET

The mayor and councilmembers discussed the funding for the Village Fire Department (VFD) facility reconstruction. Hedwig Village's portion of the reconstruction would be approximately \$254,000 per budget year for two years. Mayor Muecke stated the city could not issue a bond for the drainage work and VFD funding together. There would need to be one bond for each item. Councilmember Wiener suggested possibly funding the entire amount in the 2019 Budget. Mayor Muecke stated the city would be irresponsible to delay partial funding.

Mayor and councilmembers discussed the salary increases for city staff. Councilmember McGinnis suggested a 3% increase based on individual position not across the board. Councilmembers Rouse and Woodruff agreed the increase should be based on position and merit.

Mayor and councilmembers discussed additional funding of approximately \$180,000 in addition to the \$396,000 for infrastructure and the drainage study. The discussion included infrastructure, possible bond procedures, and resident voting. Mayor Muecke stated the majority of residents who attended the Drainage Open House were in favor of the drainage plan. He stated Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) does not need to approve the drainage plan but will review any study or report the city submits. He asked for council approval for funds to complete the engineering design in order to move forward to getting quotes from contractors. Jeff Cannon has stated that the approximate cost will be \$1,000,000 to complete the design, to finish any regulatory review and approval process, and to go out

for bids. The city has \$396,000 budgeted for this expense. Councilmember McGinnis stated Jeff Cannon, with LJA Engineering, Inc., should have enough information by the end of the month to meet with HCFCO to receive a possible letter of no objection. Councilmember Rouse stated the benefits of the proposed drainage work are unclear. She stated LJA would need to clearly answer several questions so the city can make an informed decision.

Mayor and councilmembers discussed the city hall lobby remodel. Funds budgeted for the remodel is approximately \$14,000. The remodel includes adding counter space for the court and permit department, a pass-through window for the permit department, and the addition of an exit in the back of the office space for safety purposes.

Mayor and councilmembers discussed the purchase of police department vehicles. Mayor Muecke stated council delayed the purchase of vehicles in the 2017 Budget. As a result of the delay, more vehicles will need to be purchased with funds budgeted in 2018.

Councilmember Rouse requested the Drainage Committee be reinstated. Mayor Muecke asked if she was willing to chair the committee. She agreed. Mayor Muecke stated the Drainage Committee is an advisory and marketing group only and not a decision-making group.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wiener moved, Councilmember Woodruff seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Councilmembers McGinnis, Putterman, Rouse, Wiener, and Woodruff voted "Aye", "Noes" none.


MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approved and accepted on February 8, 2018.



Brian T. Muecke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Modisette, Asst. City Secretary