The City Council of Bridge City met in a special meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2019, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Rutledge called the City Council Special Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:
Mayor David Rutledge
Council Member Carl Harbert
Council Member Mike Reed
Council Member Tammi Fisette
Council Member Danny Harrington
Mayor Pro-Tem Terri Gauthier
Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY STAFF PRESENT:
City Manager Jerry D. Jones
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
Finance Director Karen Morgan
Personnel/Purchasing Director Mitzi Nolan
Chief Paul T. Davis
Mike Lund, Utility Superintendent

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG

Invocation was given by Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier. Mayor Rutledge led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and to the State of Texas flag. At the conclusion of the pledges, Mayor Rutledge thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

3. WORKSHOP SESSION - ITEM FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

(a) Discussion of the City of Bridge City 2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year Budget
Mr. Jones explained how the budget works and presented an overview of the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget. Mayor Rutledge and Mr. Jones explained how the tax rate works and presented an overview of the 2019-2020 tax rate.

Mr. Jones went over the revenues and expenditures and he noted the changes to the 2019-2020 proposed budget as follows:

**Expenditures**
- Budget includes a 3% wage and additional funds for vacation and sick leave pay to 1 employee retiring – increase of $86,798
- Capital Equipment = $245,200

**Revenues**
- Franchise tax revenue increase $15,000
- Sales tax revenue increase $200,000
- Permits revenue increase $20,000
- Fine & Forfeitures decrease $50,000
- Water base rate increase of $.75 = $36,297
- Water over 2,000 gallons used $.25 per 1,000 gallons = $31,500
- Start Water/Sewer Maintenance Fee at $4.00 per account = $159,600
- Start an After Hours fee for non-emergency call outs at $50.00 each call out
- Increase the Reread fee from $10 to $15
- Increase the Master Lock (cut) fee from $15 to $35
- Increase Meter Deposit from $100 to $125

4. **ADJOURN**

Council Member Harrington made a motion to adjourn the workshop session at 7:10 p.m. seconded by Council Member Fields.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Ayes:** Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier, Council Members Harbert, Reed, Fisette, Harrington and Fields  
**Noes:** None.  
**Absent:** None.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary