September 22, 2020

The Bastrop City Council met in a Budget and Tax Rate Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members physically present were: Mayor Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem Nelson and Council Members Ennis, Peterson, and Rogers. Council Member Jackson was present via video. Officers physically present were City Manager, Paul A. Hofmann; City Secretary, Ann Franklin; and City Attorney, Alan Bojorquez.

CALL TO ORDER
At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Schroeder called the meeting to order with a quorum being present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION
Pastor Robert Oliver, gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

4A. Mayor’s Report

4B. Council Members’ Report

4C. City Manager’s Report

4D. A proclamation of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, recognizing October 2, 2020 as National Custodial Workers Recognition Day. The proclamation was read into record by Mayor Schroeder.

4E. A proclamation of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas recognizing the Month of October as National Community Planning Month. The proclamation was read into record by Mayor Schroeder.

4F. A proclamation of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas acknowledging the Week of October 4 - October 10, 2020 as National Fire Prevention Week in the City of Bastrop, TX. The proclamation was read into record by Mayor Schroeder.

WORK SESSION/BRIEFINGS

5A. Receive a presentation and hold discussion on contracting method for Water Treatment Plant (Construction Manager at Risk vs. traditional design/bid/build). Presentation was made by Kendall King and Charles Wolf of Freese and Nichols.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

9E. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2020-91 City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving an amendment to Task Order No 2 with Freese and Nichols Engineers to include a Construction Manager at Risk services in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars Nine hundred and thirty-six dollars and Zero Cents
($60,936.00) as attached in Exhibit A, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.
A motion was made by Council Member Ennis to approve Resolution No. R-2020-91, seconded by Council Member Peterson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS - NONE

CITIZEN COMMENT - NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson to approve Items 8A and 8B, and as listed on the Consent Agenda after being read into the record by City Secretary, Ann Franklin. Seconded by Council Member Jackson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

8A. Consider action to approve City Council minutes from the September 8, 2020 Budget and Tax Rate and Regular meetings.

8B. Consider action to approve the second reading of Resolution No. R-2020-81 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving the distribution of funds to Bastrop businesses to assist businesses with expansion of their enterprise pre- and post-COVID-19 disaster and/or with the retention and training of employees during the COVID-19 Pandemic and National Disaster, in an amount exceeding TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($10,000.00) per project and per business; providing an effective date.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION CONTINUED

9A. Consider and adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 2020-25 as an emergency measure ratifying temporary Emergency Orders enacted by the Mayor in her capacity as Emergency Management Director in regards to the current Local State of Disaster, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety. Mayor Schroeder did not approve any Emergency Orders since the last Council meeting, ratified the modification of Phased Reopening Plan for phase 3.
A motion was made by Council Member Ennis to approve Ordinance No. 2020-25 to modify Phase 3 to allow utilization of the Convention Center with the Mayor and City Manager’s approval, seconded by Council Member Peterson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

9I. Consider action to approve the first reading of Resolution No. R-2020-93 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving Project Gummy Bears in an amount exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) for the project; and providing an effective date; and move to include on the October 13, 2020 City Council agenda for second reading.
Presentation was made by Chief Executive Officer of Bastrop Economic Development Corporation, Cameron Cox.
A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve the first reading of Resolution No. R-2020-93, seconded by Council Member Ennis, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Schroeder recessed the Council Meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor Schroeder called the Council Meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m.

9B. Consider action to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2020-27 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021) attached as Exhibit A; making certain appropriations; and providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year be made in accordance with said budget; providing a distribution; severability; repealer; an effective date; and proper notice and meeting. Presentation was made by Chief Financial Officer, Tracy Waldron.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2020-27, seconded by Council Member Peterson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

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9C. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2020-92 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, ratifying that the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year. Presentation was made by Chief Financial Officer, Tracy Waldron

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson to approve Resolution No. R-2020-92 to ratify the vote just taken to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget which will raise more revenues from ad valorem taxes than the previous fiscal year, seconded by Council Member Rogers, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

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9D. Consider action to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2020-28 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, adopting the tax roll, adopting the tax rate, and levying ad valorem taxes for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to provide revenue for the payment of budgeted municipal expenditures; and providing for tax assessment; records; severability; an effective date; and proper notice and meeting. Presentation was made by Chief Financial Officer, Tracy Waldron.
A motion was made by Council Member Ennis to increase the property tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.5794, which is effectively a 3.5 percent increase in the tax rate, approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2020-28, seconded by Council Member Jackson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

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9F. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2020-88 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas confirming a board appointment of Jeff Haladyna to Place 4 on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, as required in Section 3.08 of the City's Charter, and establishing an effective date.

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve Resolution No. R-2020-88, seconded by Council Member Ennis, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

9G. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2020-89 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving the Bastrop Public Library to accept a grant in the amount of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 00/100 Dollars ($7,902) of CARES funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the equipment and software to implement touchless and contactless self-checkout; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; and providing an effective date.

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve Resolution No. R-2020-89, seconded by Council Member Peterson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

9H. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2020-90 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas approving an Amendment to Task Order No. BAS.006A to KSA Engineers for additional engineering design services to include a new water line and diesel engine generator (in lieu of gas engine generator) in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents ($255,500.00) as attached in Exhibit A, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.

Presentation was made by Assistant City Manager, Trey Job.

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve Resolution No. R-2020-90, seconded by Council Member Peterson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council met at 8:30 p.m. in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, et seq, to discuss the following:
10A. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.072, to seek the advice of legal counsel, and to deliberate upon the acquisition of real property interests associated with the construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant #3 at 385 SH 304, Unit B, Bastrop, TX 78602, and its collections systems, including all related agreements, authorizations, easements, resolutions, and associated legal actions.

10B. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the acquisition of property associated with Fairview Cemetery.

The Bastrop City Council reconvened at 9:22 p.m. into open (public) session.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MATTERS POSTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

10A. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.072, to seek the advice of legal counsel, and to deliberate upon the acquisition of real property interests associated with the construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant #3 at 385 SH 304, Unit B, Bastrop, TX 78602, and its collections systems, including all related agreements, authorizations, easements, resolutions, and associated legal actions. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson to approve Resolutions No. R-2020-94, 2020-95, and 2020-96, seconded by Council Member Ennis, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

10B. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the acquisition of property associated with Fairview Cemetery. A motion was made by Council Member Ennis to authorize the City Manager to negotiate for purchase of property associated with Fairview Cemetery in accordance with the appraisal and instructions offered in the Executive Session, seconded by Council Member Rogers, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:23 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:

Mayor Connie B. Schroeder

The Minutes were approved on October 13, 2020, by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson’s motion, Council Member Rogers’ second. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.