

**MINUTES
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

August 13, 2019

The City Council met on this date at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen presiding. Council Members present included Tommy Goode, Michael Searcy, Henry Pace, Melissa Morton and Steve Higginbotham.

Staff members present included City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Public Services Director Davis Brown, Public Utilities Director Randy Boyd, Communications and Marketing Director Letti Goodrich, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Finance Director Karen Vaughn, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes and HEDCO Director John Clary

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Fullen called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m., declared a quorum and announced that notices were legally posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Fullen gave the Invocation and Pledge.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

1. Budget Workshop.

City Manager Jay Abercrombie introduced Justin Cure from the City of Longview. Justin explained what GIS and City Works programs are, how they function and what departments would benefit from them. Longview will do the conversions and install the software if the City of Longview Council and the City of Henderson Council approves to enter into an agreement for services.

City Manager Jay Abercrombie discussed revenue projections, highlighted anticipated expenses and gave a summary of the tactics used to bring the budget into balance. Mr. Abercrombie also discussed various specific projects. Mr. Abercrombie stated there has not been a property tax increase in 14 years and commended the City Council for a great job on that. Mr. Abercrombie said that a three percent max raise for city staff, a one cent tax rate increase and a ten percent water rate increase are included in the proposed budget.

Council Members agreed for the Finance Director Karen Vaughn to revise the proposed budget to include a three-cent tax rate increase due to increasing costs of city services and public safety. They also agreed to keep the max three percent salary increase and ten percent water and sewer rate increase in the proposed budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

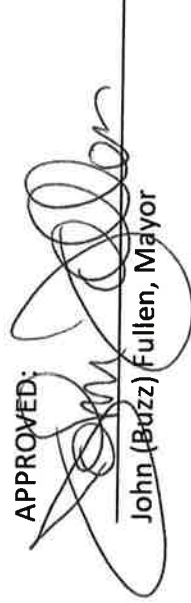
2. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Council Member Melissa Morton, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace and with unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John (Buzz) Fullen, Mayor