

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON AUGUST 16, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Warren at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Bobby Warren	City Manager, Austin Bless
Council Member, Drew Wasson	City Secretary, Lorri Coody
Council Member, Sheri Sheppard	City Attorney, Justin Pruitt
Council Member, Michelle Mitcham	
Council Member, James Singleton	
Council Member, Gary Wubbenhorst	

Staff in attendance: Mark Bitz, Fire Chief; Isabel Kato, Finance Director; Kirk Riggs, Chief of Police; Robert Basford, Director of Parks and Recreation; Bob Blevins, IT Director; and Harry Ward, Director of Public Works.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 1. Prayer and Pledge by:** Sheri Sheppard, Council Member Place 2

C. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Citizens who have signed a card and wish to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the comment is on the agenda, the City staff and City Council Members are prevented from discussing the subject and may respond only with statements of factual information or existing policy. Citizens are limited to five (5) minutes for their comments to the City Council.

Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 461-1430 – Mr. Maloy spoke to City Council about the proposed 2021-2022 Municipal Budget. He was concerned about the increases in tax monies needed to support this budget. He does not believe that the residents should have to pay these increases. He is concerned that the taxes are increased every year to cover increases in expenses for the City. He gave detailed information about the proposed budget to support his concerns.

Eric Henac, 15601 Singapore Lane, Jersey Village, Texas (832) 567-0974 – Mr. Henac spoke to City Council about the length of the Council Packet. He felt it is too long. He went on to speak to the Golf Course updates. He wanted to know if the club could be updated minimally without having to wait for two years for updates. He also mentioned the wide format printer, hoping he would be able to use the printer for his personal use. He also spoke to construction being done around the City. He wanted to know where he can find information about the status of projects. He closed by thanking the Police Department about assisting with a suspicious vehicle and he thanked Council Member Wasson for his email communication and Mayor Warren for his monthly newsletter.

Nancy Yetter, 16121 Capri, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 419-3609 – Ms. Yetter spoke to City Council about the map that was recently published depicting the drainage project for Wall Street. She told City Council that she lives on Capri near the Church. In reviewing the map, she noticed

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that the improvements stop before reaching her home on Capri. Through inquires with City Staff, she learned that the improvements stop because the last half of the block drains to the east. Nevertheless, she does not agree with that finding. She does not believe that the water flows east. She was able to speak to the Engineer in charge of the project to get a better understanding, but she is still having trouble understanding the finding for the flow of water. She hopes that their findings are correct and that flooding will no longer be an issue for her home.

Bob Kubala, 16001 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas (432) 553-3247 – Mr. Kubala spoke to City Council about “trust.” He feels it is missing in this City. He stated that some voters want elected officials to make decisions on their behalf for the City while other voters want elected officials to make decisions based upon what the voter feels is best. With this dilemma, he would like for the Mayor to provide information in his next Newsletter outlining the best path for elected officials to follow in order to accomplish City goals. In closing he hopes that the City can reboot in order to improve “trust.” In response to his question, Mayor Warren told Mr. Kubala that he believes that Edwin Burke’s November 3, 1774 speech to the electors of Bristol holds the key for guiding elected officials’ decision making.

Jennifer McCrea, 15417 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas (832) 444-9448 – Ms. McCrea spoke to City Council about the Citizens of the Month Award. The winner for the month of August is Sharon Webb. She is a long time member of Jersey Village. Ms. McCrea told of how Ms. Webb helped feed her family for six (6) weeks during a trying and difficult time. She went on to explain other selfless acts that Ms. Webb has performed for many residents in Jersey Village. She closed by encouraging all to get vaccinated for COVID.

D. FISCAL 2021-2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE ITEMS

1. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning any final changes to the proposed 2021-2022 Municipal Budget.

Isabel Kato, Finance Director, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

Section 102-007 of the Local Government Code provides that upon closing the public hearing on the proposed municipal budget, the governing body of the municipality shall take action on the proposed budget. In doing so, the governing body may make any changes to the budget that it considers warranted by the law that is in the best interest of the municipal taxpayers.

City Council held the public hearing on the 2021-2022 Municipal Budget on July 19, 2021 and postponed adopting the budget until August 16, 2021. This item provides opportunity for the Council to discuss and provide for any needed changes to the 2020-2021 municipal budget before moving on to the item for budget adoption.

The changes proposed are as follows:

- 01-10-7201 Current Property Taxes from \$9,958,847.49 to \$6,756,278;
- 03-50-7201 Current Property Taxes from \$1,463,006.80 to \$1,454,925.74;

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- 01-23-3007 Communication Overtime from \$50,000 to \$77,000;
- 01-32-4503 Radio Radar Equipment from \$0 to \$800 (Radio Radar for Fleet Dept.);
- 10-90-9910 American Rescue Plan from \$977,515 to \$502,515 (Allocate part to Fund 07);
- 07-71-9910 American Rescue Plan from \$0 to \$475,000 (Allocate from Fund 10);
- 01-10-9755 Increase transfer from Fire Control & Prevention from \$799,879 to \$1,149,879;
- 01-10-9750 Increase transfer from CCPD from \$1,879,284.41 to \$1,969,284.41;
- 01-10-9001 Increase Building Permits from \$80,000 to \$82,000;
- 01-13-6573 Computer Equipment decrease from \$94,000 to \$4,000 (\$90,000 Fiber Cable PD to GC allocate to Fund 07 Computer replacement plan to be fund by American Rescue Plan;
- 01-13-4504 Software Maintenance decrease from \$290,321 to \$255,321 (\$20,000 INCODE to Cloud, \$15,000 Microsoft Azure to Fund 07 Computer replacement plan to be fund by American Rescue Plan;
- 07-73-6573 Increase from \$381,000 to \$819,050 increase due to \$90,000 Fiber Cable PD to GC, and \$348,050 for IT Cybersecurity and infrastructure improvements including moving INCODE to the cloud, Microsoft Azure, and hardware upgrades all of which will be fund by American Rescue Plan;
- 07-71-9765 Decrease from \$350,000 to \$0 since the Fire Department SCBA since this will be cover by the American Rescue Plan.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Mitcham moved to approve the City of Jersey Village 2021-2022 budget revisions which include changes in the General fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Replacement Fund and Capital Improvement Fund. Council Member Wubbenhorst seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: Council Member Singleton

The motion carried.

2. Consider Ordinance No. 2021-33, adopting the City of Jersey Village municipal budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Isabel Kato, Finance Director, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

Council has held the public hearings on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the proposed budget has been filed with the City Secretary.

Section 102-007 of the Local Government Code requires that upon conclusion of the public hearing on the budget, the City Council shall take action on the proposed budget. In addition, a vote to adopt the budget must be a record vote.

The staff recommends that Council adopt this budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

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With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-33, adopting the City of Jersey Village municipal budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 with amendments to change the budget by removing the \$20M bond amount in the CIP, by reducing the Golf Course Club House line item to zero and by reducing the City Hall line item back to its original amount as stated in last year's budget.

City Council discussed these three proposed changes to the 2021-2022 municipal budget. Some felt that the \$20M bond item was included in the budget in order to give residents the option to vote on City projects. This aspect was discussed. In connection with same, the bond rating for the City was discussed. The debt rate was discussed and how it works. It was stated that the City's bond rating is based upon the ability of the City to pay debt and not on if the City pays debt. The \$20M bond line item in the CIP was discussed further. Some wondered if we could wait to decide if we include this or not in the budget. Several options were discussed. Others members could not agree with eliminating the bond or the Golf Course Club House line item.

With no further discussion on the matter, Mayor Warren called for a second on Council Member Singleton's motion to amend the proposed budget. Accordingly, Council Member Wasson seconded the motion. The vote on the motion follows:

Ayes: Council Members Singleton and Wasson

Nays: Council Members Sheppard, Mitcham, and Wubbenhorst

The motion failed.

With no further discussion, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-33, adopting the City of Jersey Village municipal budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. Council Member Wubbenhorst seconded the vote.

The record vote follows:

Council Member Wasson:	Aye	Council Member Singleton:	Aye
Council Member Sheppard:	Aye	Council Member Wubbenhorst:	Aye
Council Member Mitcham:	Aye		

Mayor Warren, although present, did not vote.

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-33

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AS REFLECTED IN SAID BUDGET; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

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3. Conduct a separate vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2021-2022 budget adopted on August 16, 2021.

Isabel Kato, Finance Director, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

Council has adopted a budget that will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$246,804.24 a 3.79 % increase from last year's budget, and of that amount \$46,898 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Section 102.007(c) of the Local Government Code states that a governing body adopting a budget that requires raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year, must conduct a separate vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the newly adopted budget.

This vote, must be a record vote that is in addition to and separate from the vote adopting the budget or the vote required to set the tax rate that is provided for by Chapter 26, Tax Code, or other law.

Mayor Warren explained the process and the order of the items on the agenda. He also explained the amount listed in the Public Hearing Notice for Tax Rate Increase, stating that the notice contained the maximum rate that City Council could approve without having to call an election. He explained that the adopted budget for FY 2021-2022 will need to be supported by a rate of \$0.7425 or a 3.79% increase, which is comparable to current inflation rates.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Wubbenhorst moved to ratify the property tax increase of 3.79% reflected in the newly adopted municipal budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion. The record vote follows:

Council Member Wasson:	Aye	Council Member Singleton:	Aye
Council Member Sheppard:	Aye	Council Member Wubbenhorst:	Aye
Council Member Mitcham:	Aye		

Mayor Warren, although present, did not vote.

The motion carried.

4. Conduct Public Hearing on proposed tax rate increase.

Mayor Warren opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. in order to give all interested persons the right to express support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate of 0.888379 per \$100; a rate that exceeds the lower of the voter-approval rate or the no-new-revenue rate.

After opening the meeting, he called upon Isabel Kato, Finance Director to summarize the subject of the public hearing. Ms. Kato gave information outlining the proposal to set the

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tax rate at 0.888379 per \$100; a rate that exceeds the lower of the voter-approval rate or the no-new-revenue rate.

In completing the Finance Director's summary, Mayor Warren called upon those signing up to speak as follows:

Simon Hughes, 15409 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas (281) 380-9001 – Mr. Hughes spoke to City Council about the Public Hearing Notice on the Tax Rate Increase and negative comments he received concerning his social media posts covering same. He felt that based upon the Notice posted, his statements on social media were founded as he was trying to understand the posting. He went on to state that it is incumbent upon the City to explain the notice given the confusion it caused. He also voiced his concern about the increase being proposed in the tax rate. He felt that Council Members must and should respond to emails when residents voice concerns. He feels that this Council has a propensity to squandered tax payer monies. He objects to the proposed tax rate increase. He feels that many dollars could be taken out of the 2021-2022 budget in order to decrease the amount of monies needed to fund a balanced budget. He does not believe that the City needs to borrow monies.

Michael Stembridge, 15422 Jersey Drive, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 983-8647 – Mr. Stembridge spoke to City Council about the tax rate. He wants the rate to be set at the lowest rate possible. He feels that the City has done much work in terms of flood mitigation. He explained how this work has affected his home. He wants City Council to set the lowest tax rate possible, but he went on to explain that the \$1M in the budget for the TITZ3 is needed. He does not support the Golf Course Clubhouse. He would rather see more flood mitigation projects. He wants his home elevated. The City has spent much money on these elevations and he wants his home elevated. He wants some of the dollars spent on resolving his flooding issues.

Augie Gentilucci, 15925 Congo Lane, Jersey Village, Texas (340) 514-3098 – Mr. Gentilucci stated that the numbers posted in the Notice of Hearing on Tax Rate Increase are very confusing. He feels it is up to the City to explain these numbers. As posted, when looking at the proposed rate and considering the increases in home evaluations, setting the proposed rate would exceed a 19% increase in taxes. He went on to explain that he believes that when evaluations go up, taxes should go down. In closing, he is against the proposed tax rate increase.

Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 461-1430 – Mr. Maloy spoke to City Council about the proposed tax rate increase. He wants the City to tell the residents of Jersey Village what the proposed rate will fund in terms of the entire budget. He went on to give additional information about the monies spent on the operation of the Jersey Meadows Golf Course. He told City Council that he attended the budget meetings in July. He stated that discussions in those meetings concerned a number of projects, but Council realized that there were not enough monies to cover the cost of the projects. As a

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result, discussions were had that an election could be conducted to fund projects thereby giving residents the option of choice. He feels that based upon those discussions the Council wants residents to take on additional debt to fund these projects, of which one is a Golf Course Convention Center. He feels this is poor management of the City's funds.

Judy Yarberry, 16102 Crawford, Jersey Village, Texas (832) 233-6748 – Ms. Yarberry spoke to City Council about the proposed tax rate. She is confused about the posted notice. She does not object to paying reasonable taxes if monies are spent wisely. She wants to insure that police and fire personnel are paid at or above market. She wants to use dollars to continue to improve flood mitigation. She wants tax incentives for businesses. She wants reasonable tax dollars to enhance city facilities. She is not in favor of approving a \$20M debt obligation for construction projects. She believes a priority and focus should be on Village Center. She wants to postpone the bond for a few years. She wants transparency. She wants better communication. She thanks Council Members who do respond to emails. She feels it is Council's responsibility to respond.

With no other persons signing up to speak to express support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate of 0.888379 per \$100; a rate that exceeds the lower of the voter-approval rate or the no-new-revenue rate, Mayor Warren closed the public hearing at 8:04 PM.

5. Discuss and consider approval of a motion to set the tax rate for debt service for tax year 2021.

Background information on this item is as follows: Adoption of the debt service tax rate must be a separate item on the agenda for the meeting. The Council must adopt the debt service tax rate by official action and the rate must equal the calculated and described debt service rate outlined in Section 26.04 (e) (3) (c) of the Tax Code.

Staff recommends that Council adopt the debt service tax rate of \$.131562 per \$100 value for the tax year 2021.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Wubbenhorst moved to approve setting the Debt Service tax rate of \$.131562 per \$100 value for the year 2021. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

6. Discuss and consider approval of a motion to set the tax rate for maintenance and operation for tax year 2021.

Background information on this item is as follows: Adoption of the maintenance and operation tax rate must be a separate item on the agenda for the meeting. The adoption of this tax rate will take place after adopting the budget for the year.

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A Maintenance and Operation (M&O) tax rate of \$.610938 per \$100 value for the tax year 2021 is needed to fund the 2021-2022 Municipal Budget. However, the Governing Body is permitted to set an M&O tax rate no higher than \$.756817, which is the Voter Approval M&O tax rate.

Mayor Warren stated that there were many good points made by residents concerning communication during the public hearing. He went on to explain that the law states in detail what the City is required to be put in statutory notices. Nonetheless, he recognizes that Council Members do have a responsibility to explain these notices. He went on to provide information about the City expenses and recurring costs as outlined in the adopted budget. He also explained that budget discussions were had in July and many items were cut from the proposed budget during the July meetings. He stated that it is a challenge to balance the desires of residents with the needs of the City. He went on to explain that the Council has continuously decreased taxes since 2015. He also pointed out that Council has increase the homestead exemptions.

Other Members of the Council pointed out that when reviewing your tax bill, it is important to see what the amount is for Jersey Village as there are many other entities listed in the bill you receive from the County.

There was further discussion and explaining of the numbers in the budget and how projects are going to be funded.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve setting the Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$.610938 per \$100 value for the year 2021. Council Member Wubbenhorst seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

7. Consider Ordinance No. 2021-34, providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes by the City of Jersey Village, Texas, for the year 2021.

Background information on this item is as follows: Council is required to adopt the ordinance setting the tax rate for debt service; setting the tax rate for maintenance and operation; and setting the total tax rate for the year 2021.

In setting the 2021 ad valorem tax rate, the Governing Body may not set a tax rate that exceeds the voter approval rate of \$.888379; which, if set, is effectively a 28.57 percent increase in the tax rate compared to last year.

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In setting the rate, it should be noted that a rate of \$.7425, which is effectively a 3.79 percent increase in the tax rate compared to last year, is needed to fund the 2021-2022 Municipal Budget.

Both rates exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate but not the voter-approval tax rate.

The vote on the ordinance setting a tax rate that exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate must be a record vote, and at least 60 percent of the members of the governing body must vote in favor of the ordinance.

There was discussion about the rate increase and what that will mean to residents. In most cases, it was explained that the proposed increase may only increase the tax bill by \$50.

Council also explained the budget increases and that most increases were for fire and police.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-34, providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes by the City of Jersey Village, Texas, for the year 2021; providing for the date on which such taxes shall be due and payable; and providing for penalty and interest on all taxes not timely paid. I further move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.7425, which is effectively a 3.79 percent increase in the tax rate. Council Member Wubbenhorst seconded the motion. The record vote follows:

Council Member Wasson:	Aye	Council Member Singleton:	Aye
Council Member Sheppard:	Aye	Council Member Wubbenhorst:	Aye
Council Member Mitcham:	Aye		

Mayor Warren, although present, did not vote.

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-34

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES BY THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 2021; PROVIDING FOR THE DATE ON WHICH SUCH TAXES SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST ON ALL TAXES NOT TIMELY PAID; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

E. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bless gave his report and mentioned that the City will be receiving additional monies from the State for water line projects.

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1. **Monthly Fund Balance Report, Enterprise Funds Report, Governmental Funds Report, Property Tax Collection Report – June 2021, General Fund Budget Projections as of July 2021, and Utility Fund Budget Projections – July 2021.**
2. **Fire Departmental Report and Communication Division’s Monthly Report**
3. **Police Department Monthly Activity Report, Warrant Report, Staffing/Recruitment Report, and Police Open Records Requests**
4. **Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Speeding and Stop Sign Citations within Residential Areas Report, and Court Proceeds Comparison Report**
5. **Public Works Departmental Status Report**
6. **Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statement Report, Golf Course Budget Summary, and Parks and Recreation Departmental Report**
7. **Code Enforcement Report**

F. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered routine in nature by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion and vote. There will not be separate discussion on these items unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered by separate action.

Each Consent Agenda item appears below with background information. Item 3 has been pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Accordingly, Item 3 contains discussion information as well as Council’s vote. The vote on Items 1 and 2 is found at the end of the Consent Agenda.

1. **Consider approval of the Minutes for the Regular Session Meeting held on July 19, 2021 and the Special Session Meetings held on July 14, 2021 and July 15, 2021 and the Work Session Meeting held on July 20, 2021.**
2. **Consider Resolution No. 2021-53, receiving the 2021 calculations for the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate, which were calculated using the certified estimate of taxable value required by Section 26.04 (c-2) of the Tax Code.**

Background information for this item is as follows: The 86th Legislature passed SB2, which made substantial changes to the Tax Code.

One of the major changes involves calculating the no-new-revenue tax rate (formally known as the effective tax rate) and the voter-approval tax rate (formally known as the rollback rate) based upon a certified estimate of taxable value as set out in the Tax Code at Section 26.04 (c-2).

In accordance with Section 26.04 (c-2) these rates have been calculated and in accordance with Section 26.04(e) are being submitted to you for receipt.

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This item is to receive the 2021 calculations for the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval rate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, RECEIVING THE 2021 CALCULATIONS OF THE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE AND THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE, WHICH WERE CALCULATED USING THE CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF TAXABLE VALUE REQUIRED BY SECTION 26.04 (C-2) OF THE TAX CODE.

3. Consider Resolution No. 2021-54, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with HP Financial Services for a new wide format scanner/print.

Background information on this item is as follows: This lease is based on approved and existing funding in the 2020-2021 Budget. The current scanner/plotter used to produce CAD drawings is currently on a lease that expires in August 2021. This new lease is to allow for the replacement of equipment as planned for in the Computer Technology Replacement Plan. The existing 60-month lease was for \$253.24/month. This new 60-month lease is for \$283.00/month or \$3,396/year. The equipment is being ordered from A&A Graphics Supply, an authorized HP Government Reseller, the lease is from HP Financial Services.

Staff recommends this lease with HP Financial Services for a wide format scanner / plotter per HP State of Texas DIR Contract DIR-TSO-4159.

Council Member Wasson removed this item from Consent for further discussion. In connection with same, Council discussed the new printer and asked questions concerning same. Director Blevins answered their questions and explained the proposed lease.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Wubbenhorst moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-54, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with HP Financial Services for a new wide format scanner/print. Council Member Wasson seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH HP FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR A NEW WIDE FORMAT SCANNER/PRINTER.

Item 3 was removed from the consent agenda. The discussion and vote for each removed item

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can be found under the appropriate Consent Agenda item. The vote for the remaining items NOT removed from the Consent Agenda is as follows:

Council Member Wubbenhorst moved to approve items 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

G. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.0415, City Council Members and City staff may make a reports about items of community interest during a meeting of the governing body without having given notice of the report. Items of community interest include:

- Expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence;
- Information regarding holiday schedules;
- An honorary or salutory recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutory recognition for purposes of this subdivision;
- A reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body;
- Information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; and
- Announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

Council Member Mitcham: Council Member Mitcham stated that considerable discussion is had with every decision the Council makes. She appreciates when residents attend meetings, especially budget meetings. She appreciates that Council works well together and thanked all Members for their explanations made on social media to help residents understand the tax rate process.

Council Member Sheppard: Council Member Sheppard had no comments

Council Member Wasson: Council Member Wasson stated that the budget sets the tone for the City for the budget year. He appreciates resident input as participation in the budget process is key. He does not like it when the process seems out of order, but most of that is out of Council's control given the laws that the City must follow. Nonetheless, he stated that he will work on better communication with residents. He reminded all to be prepared, as there is a storm in the Gulf.

Council Member Singleton: Council Member Singleton had no comments

Council Member Wubbenhorst: Council Member Wubbenhorst had no comments

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Mayor Warren: Mayor Warren was thankful for the comments made during Citizen’s Comments concerning whether City Council should make decisions for voters should they make decisions based upon what the voter feels is best. In response, he read portions from Edwin Burke’s November 3, 1774 speech to the electors of Bristol as this speech provides good direction in that Mr. Burke states “it is his duty to sacrifice his repose, his pleasures, his satisfactions, to theirs; and above all, ever, and in all cases, to prefer their interest to his own.”

N. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Lorri Coody, City Secretary