

Minutes of Budget Workshop held August 27, 2018

Budget workshop held with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jamie Dahler, Sam Cortez, Ruble Farmer and Ruben Gonzalez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Public Works Director James McGrath; Library Director Cassandra Cortez; Police Chief Richard Priest; Fire Marshal Matt Dear. Alderman Jerry Stone was absent.

Visitors: Gabriel Romero, Grace Priest, Luke Priest.

Mayor Bowen opened the budget workshop at 6:37 p.m. and asked the City Secretary to review the remaining budgets being proposed for 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The City Secretary told Council she had revised the water department discussed by Council the prior week.

The City Secretary showed Council the two headlines in the papers last week that were wrong and that the newspapers' editor had agreed to correct them in this week's papers.

The City Secretary gave Council members lists of the Top 25 water users for May, June, July and August for both residential, small business and commercial accounts in the city and out of city. She told Council she had checked with the City Attorney and that he said the rates for water tiers for out of town customers can be 1 ½ times the in town rate like the minimums.

The City Secretary then reviewed the proposed budgets for the Library Department and Animal Control and explained the biggest part of the increase in their budgets was for another full-time employee and benefits for each department.

The general fund proposed revenues were discussed and then each of the departments in the general fund budget were reviewed by Council.

Mayor Bowen reminded Council about the public hearing on the proposed tax rate increase on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

He adjourned the workshop at 7:57 p.m.