

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, TEXAS  
HELD IN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3805 ADAM GRUBB  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018**

**SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 PM**

**A. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Walter Bowen called the Council meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**A.1 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Council member Stuard gave the invocation. Attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

**A.2 ROLL CALL.**

Present:	Walter Bowen	Mayor
	Clint Narmore	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 7
	Jim Smith	Council, Place 1
	Geoffrey White	Council, Place 2
	Sue Wenger	Council, Place 3
	Pat O. Hill	Council, Place 5
	Gary Stuard	Council, Place 6
Staff:	Stacey Almond	City Manager
	Debbie Whitley	Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
	Monica Solko	City Secretary
Absent:	Ronny Parsley	Council, Place 4

**A.3 SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S):**

**A.3.1 OATHS OF OFFICE / SWEARING IN CEREMONY – CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 3**

City Secretary Monica Solko performed the oath of office for newly appointed City Council member Sue Wenger. Council member Wenger took her place at the dais.

**A.4 CITIZEN PRESENTATION / VISITOR COMMENTS**

There were no requests to speak from the public.

**A.5 REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**  
**APPROVED**

**B.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2018 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND MID-YEAR BUDGET WORKSHOP.**

**B.2 APPROVE A NEW SIGNATURE CARD FOR THE BANK OF TEXAS.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.**

**C. GENERAL ITEMS**

**C.1 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MAXIMUM TAX RATE FOR FY 2018-2019; SCHEDULING AUGUST 14, 2108, FOR THE BUDET PUBLIC HEARING AND SCHEDULING SEPTEMBER 11, 2018, FOR THE ADOPTION OF SAID BUDGET AND TAX RATE.**

**APPROVED**

City Manager Stacey Almond presented the item. The proposed FY 2018-2019 Annual Budget is supported by a \$0.434806 tax rate (effective rate). Although the property tax rate in the proposed budget is lower than the current year adopted tax rate, the lower rate is expected to produce an increase in revenue. Chapter 26 of the Property Tax Code requires municipalities to comply with the truth-in-taxation laws when adopting their tax rates. The laws are designed to make taxpayers aware of the tax rate proposal and to allow taxpayers, in certain cases, to roll back or limit a tax increase. The Council must take a record vote on the maximum tax rate to be considered for the upcoming fiscal year. The adopted tax rate may not exceed this maximum rate. The City is required to hold two public hearings on the tax rate and publish notice in the newspaper and on the city's website before adopting a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the rollback rate or the effective tax rate. Staff is proposing a budget supported by the effective rate therefore no public hearings are required. Section 102.006 of the Local Government Code requires the City Council to fix the time and place of the public hearings on the budget and to publish notice in the official newspaper of the City, as required by law.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE TO APPROVE A MAXIMUM TAX RATE OF \$0.434805 PER \$100 VALUATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; SCHEDULING AUGUST 14, 2018, FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET; AND SCHEDULING SEPTEMBER 11, 2018, FOR THE ADOPTION OF SAID BUDGET AND TAX RATE.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.**

**D. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

**E. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS – CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ON THE AGENDA.**

There was no Executive Session.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Walter Bowen adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

**APPROVED**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Walter Bowen, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Monica Solko, City Secretary