

The Childress City Council met in Called Session Thursday May 28th 2020, at 12:00 p.m. in the Expo Center, Mashburn Event Center, 1100 7th St. NW, Childress, TX 79201.

Mayor Cary Preston

Aldermen Marino Rodriquez
Joshua Johnson
Gary Clark
John Preston
Mike Dietrich

City Manager Kevin Hodges
City Attorney Steve Bird

Mayor led invocation.

Public Comment.

Heard many public comments regarding Municipal Pool.
Heard public comments relating to live video.

Mayor Proclaims May 31st 2020, Childress High School Class 2020 Day.

Discussed resuming utility penalties and disconnections. Billing Supervisor suggested a repayment program, done on a case-by-case basis, based on an average monthly bill of the Customer. Alderman Clark stated a desire to have Billing Supervisor, City Manager, and himself serve on Committee to discuss details and present resolution to Council in upcoming meeting. No Action.

City Manager Kevin Hodges presented the proposed 2019-2020 Budget Cuts.

-Cuts from 14 operating departments.
~\$262,577.00 in revenue loss and projected loss.
~\$180,674.00 projected overall deficit.

Cuts proposed per Dept.:

Admin Dept	\$12,000.00
Street Dept	\$61,558.00
Police Dept	\$ 1,000.00
Fire Dept	\$ 2,500.00
Health Dept	\$23,000.00
Park Dept	\$ 1,355.00
Auditorium	\$ 1,000.00
Swimming Pool	\$55,505.00
Municipal Court	\$ 1,000.00
ATV Park	\$ 5,750.00
Golf Dept	\$ 1,500.00
Water Dept	\$12,832.00
Trash Dept	\$ 1,000.00
Shop Dept	\$ 1,000.00

City Manager advised we cannot close the budget year, with a net negative budget.

With a total of \$181,000.00 in budget cuts proposed.

Mr. Hodges continued about concerns of liability and employee and citizen safety regarding pool opening. The logistics of normal lifeguarding duties and maintaining social distancing and enforcement will be a very difficult challenge.

Mayor indicated his wish to open the city pool, however do not see how is possible this year. He added the pool is a community asset, but this is a unique year.

Motion to accept proposed cuts as presented made by Alderman Dietrich; Seconded by Alderman Clark. All Ayes.

Discussed amendment to Council Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy. 2 members must request an item to be placed on the agenda. Motion to accept amendment made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All Ayes.

Alderman Dietrich began presentation on Duties of the Mayor. Code of Conduct does not include invocation, although we give invocation at every meeting. Motion to table discussion made by Alderman Rodriguez; Seconded by Alderman Preston. Alderman Dietrich Nay. Motion to table passes.

Alderman Dietrich withdraws item 8 from discussion.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned at 1:31 p.m

The minutes were read and approved the 22 day of June, 2020.



Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Hodges, City Manager