

The Childress City Council met in Regular Session Monday, August 9th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Childress City Hall, 315 Commerce St. Childress, TX 79201.

Mayor	Cary Preston
Aldermen	Marino Rodriquez Gary Clark John Preston C.T. Taylor Sharon Johnson (absent)
City Manager	Kevin Hodges (absent)
City Attorney	Steve Bird (absent)

Mayor led invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Susan Leary spoke in public comment regarding her desire to see Council form an advisory committee regarding both Auditorium/Event Center rules and policies as well as billboards.

Matt Bradley spoke regarding his desire to have Council formalize an ordinance or policy as it relates to alcohol at both City facilities in Fair Park (the Auditorium and Event Center).

Mayor Preston referred these items on an upcoming Council meeting. No action.

Motion to accept the July 30th Minutes was made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

City Secretary, D'Linda Dockery, reminded Council of City Manager Mr. Hodges intent to pursue the No New Revenue (NNR) Rate for property taxes this year. The proposed tax rate collects the same amount in revenue, from the same properties taxed as last year. Provided year-over-year comparison. The calculations and components were determined by Twila from the County Appraisal District.

Proposed the NNR rate:

Debt Rate:	.417966
M&O Rate:	.390687
Total Proposed Rate:	.808653

Roll Call Vote on Proposed Tax Rate:

Aye: Alderman Clark; Alderman Taylor; Alderman Preston; Alderman Rodriguez; and Mayor Preston

Nay: none

Present and not voting: none

Absent and not voting: Alderwoman Johnson

Twila Butler, Chief Appraiser of the Childress County Appraisal District, being present provided guidance regarding the schedule for adoption, the publication of hearing, and website posting.

Council considered amending section 8.12 Personnel Handbook to add Juneteenth to the City Holiday Schedule. Motion to add Juneteenth to the Holiday Schedule was made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Clark. All Ayes.

Council considered amending section 9.02 of the Personnel Handbook to include language prohibiting sending or receiving electronic messages while driving. Motion to accept the language as presented made by Alderman Rodriguez; Seconded by Alderman Taylor. All Ayes.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved the ____ day of August, 2021.

Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kevin Hodges, City Manager