



## City of Freeport

### Workshop

5:30 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall

August 23, 2018 Minutes

#### I. Meeting Called to Order

The August 23, 2018 Freeport City Council Budget Workshop was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council Members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Amanda Green, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner and Councilman William "Boots" McCormick

II. Staff present: City Clerk Rebecca Podraza, Planning Director Latilda Hughes-Neel, Sewer Supervisor Robert Fawcett, Finance Officer Sara Bowers, and City Attorney Clay Adkinson.

#### II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

#### III. 2018/2019 Budget

Mayor Barley introduced Paula Arnold with Quest Management Consultants, LLC. Ms. Arnold presented the Salary Study report and Pay Grande and Salary Ranges report she prepared for the City of Freeport.

##### Budget Highlights

##### **Admin**

- Mayor Barley requested a line item be added to the Budget for the purchase of a stage. Three (3) quotes were presented and the Mayor asked that \$15,696.00 be added to the budget to purchase a 32 ft by 32 ft stage platform from Majestic Entertainment Partners.
- Finance Officer Bowers requested that the Council approve another Budget Meeting the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the next Regular Council Meeting.
- Council discussed budgeting a City Manager. Staff was directed to enter a line item in the budget to be presented at the next Budget Workshop.

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- Parks Director Charles Simmons presented the following increases to the Parks Budget Line Items:
  - Building Improvements – Pole Barn, fencing & storage facility  
\$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00
  - Infrastructure Improvements – Ball Field Lights  
\$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00
  - Infrastructure Improvements – Pickle Ball Court  
\$30,000.00 to \$45,000.00
  - Boardwalk for Disc golf  
\$8,500.00

#### IV. Adjournment

Mayor Barley adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

**FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL**

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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