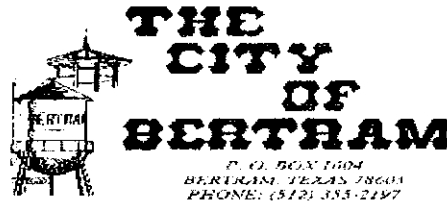


Governor Abbott suspended a part of the Texas Open Meetings Act — which guarantees the public can access and participate in government meetings — In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. City Hall has limited space to provide for social distancing rule of 6 feet separation. For this reason City Hall doors will be closed to the public however the City Council of City of Bertram, Texas will be going live on Facebook. Please visit our website at www.cityofbertram.org and click on the Facebook logo at the bottom of the page for a direct link to the Facebook page. Or you can visit www.facebook.com/officialcityofbertram The public will be permitted to offer public comments during the meeting only if a public hearing required by law has been published. If you have any comments or questions regarding posted agenda items please submit your questions in writing via email: info@cityofbertram.org or night drop box by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2020.



NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM

Notice is hereby given that a **Regular Council Meeting** will be held by the governing body of the above named City on the **8th day of September, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 110 East Vaughan Street Bertram, Texas 78605.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

COMMUNITY INPUT: *Suspended during declared emergency per Governor's order. Written comments received by 5:00, Tuesday September 8, 2020 will be read.*

1. UPDATES/RECOGNITIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:

1.1. Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet County – Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). Assists low income households in meeting their energy need by paying heating and electric bills. Information can be found on city website and City Hall foyer.

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

2.1. Publish Date: September 2, 2020; Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Bertram will hold a public hearing on tax increase.

Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.06(b-2).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.4810 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Bertram.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.4810 per \$100
 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.4671 per \$100
 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.4835 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Bertram from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Bertram may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Bertram is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Bertram City Hall, 110 E. Vaughan ST, Bertram, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Bertram is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of City of Bertram at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Kim Klose, Pat Turner, John Baladez, Mike Dickinson, Jane Scheidler
 AGAINST the proposal: none
 PRESENT and not voting: none
 ABSENT: none

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Bertram last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Bertram this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.4810	\$0.4810	0% increase
Average homestead taxable value	\$144,387	\$156,664	9% increase

Tax on average homestead	\$695	\$754	8% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$505,887	\$551,239	9% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Bertram at 512-756-8291 or shemphill@burnetad.org, or visit www.cityofbertram.org.

- 2.2. Publish Date: August 12, 2020; Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Bertram will hold a public hearing to consider a final plat subdivision application on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at Bertram City Hall, 110 East Vaughan Street, Bertram, TX 78605. Robin Lane Office Park is located at 185 Robin Lane. The legal description of property is described as being a 0.724 acre tract of land out of the Luciano Cabasos survey No. 3, Abstract no. 179, in the City of Bertram, Burnet County Texas and being a portion of that certain 5.189 acre tract conveyed to Brooks Mill, Ltd. in document no. 201602433.
- 2.3. Posting Date: September 4, 2020; Notice is hereby give that the City Council of the City of Bertram will hold a public hearing on the proposed water and sewer rates increases on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at Bertram City Hall, 110 East Vaughan Street, Bertram TX 78605. Proposed rates for water are \$.50 per thousand gallons and \$.50 per thousand gallons on sewer.
- 2.4. Publish Date: August 26, 2020; Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Bertram, Texas will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at Bertram City Hall, 110 East Vaughan Street, Bertram, Texas 78605 on the proposed City 2020/2021 fiscal year budget. The proposed budget is available for inspection by any person at City Hall or on the City’s website at www.cityofbertram.org.

Public hearings before the City Council will be held September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at 110 East Vaughan Street Bertram, Texas 78605. All citizens will have the opportunity to speak and be heard in regards to these matters. COVID-19 precautions will be taking place to limit the amount of people inside the building at one time. If you have comments you wish to share with the City Council during the public hearing please start lining up six feet apart outside the front doors of city hall before the start of the meeting. The police department will bring you in as comments are heard to move any line along. The meeting will also be live streamed on Facebook. Please visit www.cityofbertram.org for more details or contact City Secretary 512-355-2197. Information concerning these matters is available for viewing at City Hall located at 110 E. Vaughan Street, Bertram, TX 78605, during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday by appointment. If you have comments and unable to come to the meeting in person please send your concerns in writing to info@cityfobertram.org prior to either meeting. You may also utilize the night drop box.

- 3. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** Consider Action Re: *(All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member, staff member or citizen requests removal of the item from the consent agenda for the purpose of discussion. For removal of an item, a request must be made to the Council when the Consent Agenda is opened for Council Action.)*

- 3.1. August 11, 2020; Regular Meeting Minutes.
- 3.2. August 25, 2020; Special Meeting Minutes.

4. **DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- 4.1. Police Department monthly activity report and animal shelter intake numbers. Chief Kyle.
- 4.2. Bertram Volunteer Fire Department monthly activity. B. Huffstuttler.
- 4.3. Municipal Court Report and monthly activity. R. Rios.
- 4.4. Development Report and monthly activity. G. Hernandez.
- 4.5. Utility Department Report and monthly activity. A. Lambert.
- 4.6. Current financial status of City. G. Hernandez.

5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 5.1. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider ORDINANCE NO. 213-090820; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING APPENDIX A: FEE SCHEDULE BY AMENDING SEC. A7.001, WATER RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS, SEC. A7.002 WATER RATES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS AND SEC. A7.006 SEWER RATES AND FEES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 5.2. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider Janitorial services option for City buildings.
- 5.3. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider Cooperative Agreement with Burnet County Commissioner's Court and Burnet County Sheriff for dispatching services.
- 5.4. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider employee City benefits providers and plan changes for Fiscal year 2020-2021 Medical, Dental, Life and Vision coverages.
- 5.5. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider Planning and Zoning recommendation on short form final plat subdivision application for Robin Lane Office Park Subdivision. The legal description of property to be subdivided is described as being a .0724 acre tract of land out of the Luciano Cabasos survey No. 3, Abstract no. 179, in the City of Bertram, Burnet County Texas and being a portion of that certain 5.189 acres tract conveyed to Brooks Mill, Ltd. in document no. 201602433.
- 5.6. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider appointment to Capital Area Council of Governments General Assembly representative for the City of Bertram.
- 5.7. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider recycle options and fees for operating recycle center.
- 5.8. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustee Election Official Ballot.
- 5.9. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider ORDINANCE NO. 9-090820; AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; APPROPRIATING MONEY AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM FOR


THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 5.10. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider ratification of the property tax increase in the budget.
- 5.11. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider ORDINANCE NO. 14-090820; AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR; APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; PROVIDING FOR IMPOSITION OF A TAX LIEN; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 5.12. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider ORDINANCE NO. 09-090820B; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 OFFICIAL BUDGET, ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 09-091019, PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 5.13. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider Master Land Services Contract with Philip Reed Energy Group, LP for work associated with securing Ehlerburger Aquifer water rights.
- 5.14. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider creation of baseball field use ordinance.
- 5.15. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider contract with Bureau Veritas to perform subdivision development City infrastructure review and inspections.
- 5.16. **Discuss and consider action:** Discuss and consider future expansion of City's water supply options. The City Council for the City of Bertram reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNED:

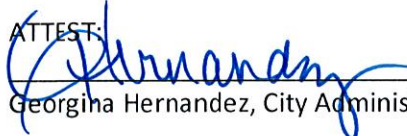




Adam Warden, Mayor
City of Bertram

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF MEETING of the governing body of the above named City, Bertram, TEXAS is a true and correct copy of said NOTICE and that I posted a true and correct copy of said NOTICE on the bulletin board, at City Hall of said City, Bertram, TEXAS, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said NOTICE was posted on **September 4, 2020 at or before 6:00 o'clock p.m.** and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

ATTEST:



Georgina Hernandez, City Administrator

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETINGS:

The City Council Chamber is wheelchair accessible. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services, such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary 512.355.2197 at least two working days prior to the meeting. Requests for information may be faxed to the City Secretary at 512.355.3182.

Cualquier persona puede solicitar servicios de interprete en español comunicando se con la oficina del Secretario/a Municipal a no más tardar de veinte y cuatro horas antes de la hora de terminada para el asunto sobre el cual la persona de sea comentar. Por favor llame al 355-2197 con anticipo o informe al personal del Secretario/a Municipal presente en la sesión del Consejo.

RIGHT TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council for the City of Bertram reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the City Council was removed by me from the bulletin board at City Hall on the _____ day _____ 2020.

Title: _____