

**CITY OF ADA
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 23, 2019**

The Ada City Council met in special called meeting, Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall West Annex Conference Room, 210 West 13th. Notice of the meeting was recorded by the City Clerk on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. Advanced public notice was given by posting the agenda on the City Hall bulletin boards on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 1:45 p.m.

Councilmen Present: Tre' Landrum, Ben McFarlane, Randy McFarlin
Bryan Morris, Guy Sewell

Councilmen Absent: None

The special called meeting of the Ada City Council was called to order by Mayor Landrum.

Discussion of funding request from Ada Jobs Foundation

Mr. Jim Eldridge, CEO of Ada Jobs Foundation addressed the Council, discussing their request for funding for fiscal year 2019-20. Mr. Eldridge discussed the objective of Ada Jobs was to create the job and wage growth through expansions of local companies and export-focused companies. Mr. Eldridge detailed their operational plan of work for the next fiscal year.

Discussion of funding request from Call-A-Ride Public Transit

The Council heard from Interim Director, Mr. Pat Fountain, concerning the status of Call-A-Ride, discussing the purpose of Call-A-Ride for our community, and explaining the changes Call-A-Ride has made recently. Mr. Fountain stated Call-A-Ride is in pretty good financial shape at this time, stating Call-A-Ride is a good investment for our community.

He also spoke about how Call-A-Ride enhances the quality of life for our residents. Call-A-Ride provides to both older and younger residents the service of transportation at an affordable rate to a job, or to spend money in our municipality.

Mr. Fountain also spoke about the plans for the future of Call-A-Ride, that with appropriate funding, the ability to operate for longer hours, and to increase the fleet from three vehicles to five vehicles. Mr. Fountain also stated he was looking to increase the fare rate.

City Manager Holcomb stated Call-A-Ride was seeking a subsidy in the amount of \$75,000.00, an increase of \$40,000.00

Study session on capital improvements and budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

City Manager Holcomb gave recognition to city staff in the preparing of the proposed budget.

The City Manager spoke about moving our City forward, addressing Economic Development, Retail Attraction, Retail Retention, Affordable Working Class Housing, maintaining a business friendly environment, a productive construction schedule, increased utilization of City Infrastructure, shore up the water supply, continue to utilize social medial for events and news to sell our story, and the on-going initiatives.

City Manager Holcomb presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, reviewing the budget, detailing each departmental budget, proposed capital outlay items for the General Fund, Ada Public Works, Special Funds, and the Sales Tax funds.

A summary of changes was also outlined by the City Manager regarding the funds for distribution for employee salaries, health insurance increases, and the reserve Fund Balances. City Manager Holcomb discussed there would be a new department created for just the Irving Community Center activities, and there would also be a name change to Public Safety/Emergency Management Department, changing to Safety & Compliance Department.

Included in the Summary of Changes for the proposed budget, were the available contingency amounts, stating General Fund would have \$223,670.00 available, and Ada Public Works Authority would have \$200,000.00.

City Manager Holcomb reviewed the following tabulation of contract funding, noting the agencies with proposed increases were Ada Jobs Foundation and Call-A-Ride.

Councilman McFarlin discussed the increasing of the Business Improvement Grant (BIG) Program Incentives from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00. Councilman McFarlin provided information on how this program is helping existing business owners financially to make an improvement to their business. Councilman McFarlin believes the Program to be quite successful.

The proposed resolutions for water, sewer, and garbage fees and miscellaneous fees were reviewed by the City Manager detailing the proposed changes.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Ada City Council, Mayor Landrum adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. and requested members reconvene as the governing board of the Ada Public Works Authority

Attest: Sally Pool, City Clerk

Tre' Landrum, Mayor