

**VENUS CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018  
Council Chambers 103 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Venus, Texas 76084**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Burgess, Mayor  
Jeannie Prazak, Place 1  
Laurna Shaw, Place 2  
Jeanie Toland-Scott, Mayor Pro-Tem,  
Geronimo Hernandez, Place 4  
Robert McCurdy, Place 5

Mayor Burgess called the workshop to order at 6:00 PM.

**1. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE CITY OF VENUS FY 2018-2019 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND RELATED FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

The council and staff had a discussion regarding the tax rate and creating a Venus Fire Department. City Administrator, Mike Boese presented the budget with a tax increase and a Fire Department as well as with no tax increase and a Fire Department. He explained the City would have to pull out of savings in order to create a Fire Department. City Administrator, Mike Boese explained to council there is no guarantee there would be enough money the following year to keep a Fire Department. The council asked for City Administrator, Mike Boese's recommendations. The City Administrator recommended that they work on it throughout this next fiscal year and gather more information from other cities on when and how they started their Fire Departments. Council discussed the matter and with great appreciation for the Venus Fire Department's dedication and hard work, they agreed it would be best to wait on a Fire Department. There was also a discussion on the vehicle the City would be purchasing for the new detective position opening up next budget year. After the discussion on the tax rate the Council leaned towards possibly keeping the tax rate the same.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:11 PM**

**APPROVED:**

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James Burgess, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rana Gamel, City Secretary