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On this the 27th day of August, 2014, the City Council of the City of Burnet convened in Workshop Session, 3:00 p.m., at the at the regular meeting place, thereof with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor	Gary Wideman
Council Members	Paul Shell, Joyce Laudenschlager, Philip Thurman, Milton Phair, Derek Fortin, Mary Jane Shanes
City Manager	David Vaughn
City Secretary	Kelly Dix

Guests: Connie Maxwell, Patricia Langford, Mark Ingram, Danny Lester, Crista Bromley, Doug Fipps, Paul Nelson, Mark Lewis, Susan Kulbeth, Don Hill, Ronda Hostetter, Leonard Smith, Susan Smith, Betsy Englebrecht, Marjorie Bronk, Lottie McCorkle, Kim Winkler, Deborah Page, Diane Phillips, Ken Graham

Call to Order: By Mayor Gary Wideman at 3:03 p.m.

Presentations from Community Organizations:

City Manager David Vaughn informed Council that representatives from area non-profit agencies that request funding assistance from the City would be presenting an overview of the operations of their agency and brief the Council on how their agency utilizes the funding provided by the city.

CARTS-Capital Area Rural Transportation System: Lyle Nelson informed Council that the CARTS program provides transportation to citizens of Burnet and the rural area, by providing low cost bus transportation Monday through Friday in the local area and to areas in Austin and Temple once a month. The funding provided by the City is utilized for the maintenance and replacement of vehicles.

Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center: Rhonda Hostetter and Susan Kulbeth provided an overview of the social services provided to children that are victims of abuse in the Burnet County area. The funding provided by the City is used to maintain the services to aid the local public safety offices in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse offenses and to assist the child victim with counseling and care.

LaCare- Lottie McCorkle informed Council that LaCare is a food bank that provides food to families in need in Burnet County from Tow to Briggs. LaCare is supported by volunteers from the area Ministerial Alliance and she serves as the Director and only paid employee. The food provided to the families is mainly from donations received by LaCare, food drives and purchases from the Austin Area Food Bank at a reduced price per pound. With utility assistance funding provided by the City, to the LaCare facility, money that would normally be used to pay for the utilities of the building will now be able to be utilized for the purchase of more food from the food bank.

Herman Brown Free Library-Betsy Englebrecht informed Council that the Herman Brown Free Library provides a wide range of library services for the City of Burnet and Burnet County. Monetary support comes from revenue raised by the Friends of the Library Thrift Shop, Burnet County and the City of Burnet. Annual program funding provided by the City is utilized for the upgrades in services and the facility. The utility assistance funding provided by the City to the Herman Brown Free Library provides unencumbered funds to be utilized for programs and services.

WBCO- Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities- Diane Phillips, Director of Operations provided the overview of the Senior Nutrition Program provided in the Burnet area. Currently operations for this program are handled in a very small location and negotiations are ongoing in securing a larger area in which to be able to provide increased services to the citizens of Burnet. WBCO provides senior nutrition services, budget counseling, utility assistance and many other services to citizens in need. The utility assistance funding provided to WBCO by the city, provides unencumbered funds to be utilized for programs and services.

Burnet Chamber of Commerce: Deborah Page and Kim Winkler provided an overview of the operations at the Burnet Chamber of Commerce and a review of the year's events and statistics. The Chamber will be moving to a new facility in the next few months which will be a good location on the main highway that will provide increased parking and greater visibility. The assistance provided to the Chamber by the City is utilized in many areas of operation and is vital to sustaining the organization and promoting the City of Burnet and its business owners.

Proposed 2014/2015 FY Budget: D. Vaughn: City Manager David Vaughn provided an overview of the 2014/2015 FY budget to the Council. Significant items included no change to the Ad Valorem Tax, inclusion of several self-funding projects throughout the City, architect fees for the proposed Police Department and City Hall, Delaware Springs cart paths, personnel expense increase which includes merit raises, water and wastewater Projects, economic development projects, airport projects and utility improvements. The City Manager presented the goal of building a new City Hall and Police Station within the next three fiscal years. The next budget workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Adjourn: There being no further business the workshop was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Dix , City Secretary