



**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS  
FEBRUARY 18, 2019  
6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Identification of a quorum.**

Present: Councilmember Shelby  
Councilmember Segroves  
Councilmember Rushing  
Councilmember Tucker  
Mayor Pro Tem Hill  
Mayor Gorwood

Absent: Councilmember Moon

**A quorum was present and Mayor Gorwood called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.**

Staff: Suzy Cluse, City Manager  
Mark Morris, Assistant to City Manager  
Cindy Gross, City Secretary  
Bianca Sauls, Chief Financial Officer

**1. Discussion regarding the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget for the City of Balch Springs.**

Mayor Gorwood opened workshop meeting to invite the City Council members to address any issues, concerns or possible changes they would like to have done differently, in regards to the current 2019 Operating Budget.

City Council members discussed the following:

- More available funds for projects and developer's contributing more to projects.
- employee raise process and city prioritize future projects, in line with the strategic plan and possibility of fewer funds available to spend.
- Improve the city's infrastructure, repair streets, adding sidewalks and utilizing the community development block grant.
- City Council becoming unified, working with constituents, and targeting better economic development projects.
- Expending more funds on improving the major thoroughfares, spend less on residential streets, budget what's needed to purchase police vehicle and budget more funds for sidewalks.

Mark Morris, Assistant City Manager, presented to the City Council the Government Finance Best Practices for City Council Goals and Strategies; Continuous Economic Growth, Safe & Secure Community, Enhance Quality of Life, Improve Visual Brand of Balch Springs, Financial Integrity and Public Service Excellence. Mr. Morris would like to recommend that City Council take these Council priorities for 2020, and rank them as you would like to see the City Council goals and strategies prioritize for the 2020 Budget.

**2. Adjourn.**

Mayor Gorwood adjourned the workshop at 6:34pm.

**PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2019.**