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On this, the 18th day of August 2025, the City Council of the City of Burnet convened in a Workshop Session, at 11:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 2402 S. Water, Burnet, TX thereof with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor Gary Wideman

Council Members Tommy Gaut, Philip Thurman, Joyce Laudenschlager, and Ricky Langley

Absent Cindia Talamantez, Tres Clinton

City Manager David Vaughn

City Secretary Maria Gonzales

Guests: Haley Archer, Jessi Carpenter, Jill Disler, Adrienne Feild, Mark Ingram, Leslie Kimbler, Patricia Langford, Brian Lee, Keith McBurnett, Thad Mercer, Tony Nash, Andrew Scott, Jacob Thomas, Lee Carney, Glenn Patterson, Dan Stewart

Call to Order: Mayor Gary Wideman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

2.1) Discuss and consider action: Review medical plan options as part of the City of Burnet employee benefits plan for the 2025-2026 fiscal year: H. Archer

Human Resources Director Haley Archer presented two options for employee health benefits: BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) and Curative. BCBS has proposed a re-rate with a 4% increase in premiums and continues to offer traditional coverage. Curative, a company focused on preventative care, provides a triple option plan that includes EPO, PPO, and PPO Max. Under the Curative plan, once an employee completes an intake call, their benefits are activated, and out-of-pocket costs are reduced to \$0.00. Additionally, Curative offers a cash card to help cover any unexpected healthcare expenses. Council requested that final numbers on the Curative plan be formally presented at the next council meeting.

2.2) Discuss and consider action: The 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budgets; review of current proposed year end financials, capital projects, and associated debt: D. Vaughn

City Manager David Vaughn reviewed the list of recommended items for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget. He noted that additional expenses have recently come to light that the City will need to address in the near future. The uncertainties surrounding the recent flood have taken precedence, and several factors remain unknown regarding FEMA reimbursement. Despite these challenges, Mr. Vaughn reported that the City remains in good financial condition; however, he emphasized that any large expenses will need to be considered carefully moving forward.

2.3) Discuss and consider action: City attorney services: D. Vaughn

City Manager David Vaughn reported that the current legal firm representing the City has submitted their resignation, effective September 7, 2025. City staff have met with representatives from the Bojorquez Law Firm to evaluate their suitability for providing future legal representation. Mr. Vaughn noted that Bojorquez is a reputable firm; however, another option would be to hire Habib Erkan, Jr. as the City Attorney. Council expressed interest in this option and directed Mr. Vaughn to initiate contract discussions with Mr. Erkan. Mr. Vaughn will report back to Council with additional information.

2.4) Discuss and consider action: City of Burnet Flood Response: D. Vaughn

Assistant City Manager Keith McBurnett reported that there is currently no funding allocated through FEMA for a program that allows cities to purchase properties designated as floodways. However, he noted that the USDA operates a grant program that does provide funding for cities to purchase such properties, with the stipulation that the land be designated as parkland or a similar public use. Participation in this program is voluntary. Mr. McBurnett further reported that there are 13 substantially damaged homes within the city limits. The City Council agreed it would be appropriate for City staff to begin contacting the affected property owners to determine if there is interest in participating in the program.

Mr. Vaughn reported that the YMCA ball fields were substantially damaged and that repairs need to be addressed in order to reopen the fields for play. There will need to be further discussion to determine priorities for repair.

2.5) Discuss and consider action: Entrance walls to Delaware Springs Golf Course: D. Vaughn

City Manager David Vaughn reported that the rock walls on both sides of the entryway into Delaware Springs are located on private property, and the City does not currently hold an easement for either wall. The two walls are situated on properties with different owners. Mr. Vaughn stated that one of the property owners has demanded the removal of the wall on their property. Legal counsel has advised that the City may have a right to maintain the wall under the principle of “adverse possession.” Council directed Mr. Vaughn to approach the property owner with an offer to purchase an easement. If the property owner does not agree to the easement, Mr. Vaughn should pursue legal action. He will report back to Council once further information has been obtained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: None.

REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL FOR FUTURE REPORTS: In accordance with Resolution R2020-28 councilmembers may request the City Manager to prepare and present future reports on matters of public interest: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Gary Wideman at 1:36 p.m.

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary