ORDINANCE NO. 2015-19

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2015-2016 FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS; ENACTING PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE TAX ROLLS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport is a type A general law municipality located in Wise County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved, by a separate ordinance adopted on September 15, 2015, an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, (tax year 2015-16); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that an ad valorem tax must be levied to provide the revenue requirements of the budget for tax year 2015-16; and

WHEREAS, all statutory and constitutional requirements concerning the levying and assessing of ad valorem taxes have been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1

The real and personal property tax appraisal rolls as certified by the Chief Appraiser of the Wise Appraisal District to the City Council for the 2015 Tax Year are hereby accepted.

SECTION 2

The City of Bridgeport, Texas, does hereby levy and adopt a tax rate for tax year 2015-2016 and for each tax year thereafter until otherwise ordained as follows:

$0.2982	for the purposes of maintenance and operation
$0.3408	for the payment of principal and interest on debt of this City
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$0.6390	Total tax rate

The above tax rate shall be assessed and collected on each One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) of assessed value of all taxable property, real, personal and mixed, situated within the corporate limits of the City of Bridgeport on January 1, 2015, and not exempt from taxation by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Texas.

SECTION 3

The tax so levied and assessed shall be apportioned to the accounts and funds in the amount as set forth in the annual budget of the City adopted for the fiscal year.

SECTION 4

The taxes levied by this Ordinance shall be due and payable on October 1, 2015, and shall become delinquent on February 1, 2016. Payment of such tax is due in one full installment. Taxes shall be payable at the office of the Wise County Tax Collector. There shall be no discount for taxes paid prior to January 31, 2016.

SECTION 5

If the tax is unpaid after January 31, 2016, such tax will become delinquent and penalty and interest will attach and accrue as provided by Texas Tax Code, Section 33.01. Such uncollected taxes shall constitute a lien against the property, which lien shall be superior and prior to all other liens.

SECTION 6

As provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 33.07, in the event the taxes become delinquent and remain delinquent on July 1, 2016, and in the event such delinquent taxes are referred to an attorney for collection, an additional penalty in the amount of the compensation to be paid in connection with the collection of the delinquent taxes as specified in the contract with the attorney shall be added as collection costs to be paid by the taxpayer.

SECTION 7

The Wise County Tax Collector is hereby authorized to collect the taxes levied under this ordinance. The City and Wise County shall have available all rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this Ordinance.

SECTION 8

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction,

such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 9

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of conflict only.

SECTION 10

This ordinance shall become effective from and after its date of passage and publication.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS, BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 0, ON THIS THE 22 DAY OF September, 2015.

APPROVED:

Corey Lane, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erika McComis, City Secretary