

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF DAWSON }  
CITY OF LAMESA }

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:**

**August 24, 2023**

On this the 24th day of August 2023, at 5:30 P.M., there came on and was held a regularly called meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas. Notice of such meeting having been posted at the City Hall at 601 South First Street in the City of Lamesa, Texas in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Govt. Code, Chapter 551). The following items were listed on the notice and the following proceedings were had, viz.:

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Stevens announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Govt. Code, Chapter 551), and that discussion and actions are limited to the agenda items as posted. A quorum being present as evidenced by the presence 6 City Council Members were present:

JOSH STEVENS	Mayor
VACANT	Council Member – District 1
FRED VERA	Council Member – District 2
GLORIA V. RODRIGUEZ	Council Member – District 3
DANNY JACOBS	Council Member - District 4 Mayor Pro Tem
BOBBY G. GONZALES	Council Member – District 5
RUDY SAUSEDA JR.	Council Member – District 6

City staff members present at the meeting:

JOE HINES	CITY MANAGER
BETTY CONDE	CITY SECRETARY ABSENT
RUSSELL CASSELBERRY	CITY ATTORNEY

Members of the press present at the meeting:

Mary Elizabeth

Members of the public present at the meeting:

Wayne Chapman	Robert Ramirez	Irma Ramirez	Leticia Dimas	Norma Garcia
Josh Peterson	Irma Ramirez			
Larry Duyck	Brian Beck	Josh Peterson		

**INVOCATION:**

**AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2023 (DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE):** Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by passing an ordinance on second reading with record vote in accordance with State Law (Property Tax Code, Section 26.05) establishing the ad valorem tax rate which will raise the amount of revenue required to pay Debt Service at a rate of \$0.0000 per hundred dollar assessed valuation for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. (City Manager)

**COUNCIL ACTION**

**DISCUSSION**

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales must be stated as;

**I MOVE THAT THE CITY ESTABLISH THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE WHICH WILL RAISE THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE REQUIRED TO PAY DEBT SERVICE AT A RATE OF \$0.0000 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUATION FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.”**

Motion seconded by Council Member Gloria Rodriquez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

**RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS**

VOTING	“AYE”	“NAY”	“ABSTAIN”
JOSH STEVENS	<u>√</u>	—	—
VACANT	—	—	—
FRED VERA	<u>√</u>	—	—
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	<u>√</u>	—	—
DANNY L JACOBS	<u>√</u>	—	—
BOBBY GONZALEZ	<u>√</u>	—	—
RUDY SAUSEDA JR	<u>√</u>	—	—

**AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2023 (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAX RATE):** Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by passing an ordinance on second reading with record vote in accordance with State Law (Property Tax Code, Section 26.05) establishing the ad valorem tax rate which will raise the amount of revenue needed to fund Maintenance and Operation expenditures at a rate of \$0.745187 for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. (City Manager)

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.74 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-53.88. {Section 26.05(b)1(A&B) OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE}.**

**COUNCIL ACTION**

**DISCUSSION**

Motion by Council Member Rudy Sauseda must be stated as; **"I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE \$0.745187 WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 2.76 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.**

Motion seconded by Council Member Danny Jacobs and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

**RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS**

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
JOSH STEVENS	✓	_____	_____
VACANT	_____	_____	_____
FRED VERA	✓	_____	_____
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	✓	_____	_____
DANNY L JACOBS	✓	_____	_____
BOBBY GONZALEZ	✓	_____	_____
RUDY SAUSEDA JR	✓	_____	_____

**AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2023:** Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by passing an ordinance on second reading with record vote the ad valorem tax rate of **\$0.745187** per hundred dollar assessed valuation for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, and adopting the provisions of Section 31.05 of the State Property Tax Code to provide for discounts under certain conditions. (City Manager)

**City of Lamesa ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.74 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-53.88. {Section 26.05(b)1(A&B) OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE}.**

**COUNCIL ACTION**

**DISCUSSION**

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales must be stated as; **"I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.745187, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 2.76 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.**

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.74 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-53.88.**

**City of Lamesa ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE."**

Motion seconded by Council Member Danny Jacobs and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

**RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS**

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
JOSH STEVENS	√	—	—
VACANT	—	—	—
FRED VERA	√	—	—
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	√	—	—
DANNY L JACOBS	√	—	—
BOBBY GONZALEZ	√	—	—
RUDY SAUSEDA JR	√	—	—

**REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT:** City Council to consider approving an Ordinance on second reading approving a specific use permit for the following property: located at 702 N Main Avenue Lamesa, Texas 79331 for a manufactured home as their primary residence Lamesa, Texas 79331. *(Building Official)*

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales to consider approving an Ordinance on Second reading approving a Specific Use Permit for the following property located at 702

N. Main Avenue Lamesa, Texas 79331. Motion seconded by Council Member Gloria Rodriquez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 6 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

**BUDGET AMENDMENT VII:** City Council to consider amending Ordinance O-18-22 on second reading with respect to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023. (*This budget amendment is for Lamesa PD Vehicle Maintenance repairs and equipment \$33,305.90.*) (City Manager & Finance Director)

Motion by Council Member Rudy Sauseda to amend Ordinance O-18-22 on second reading with respect to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. Motion seconded by Council Member Gloria Rodriquez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.


VOTING: "AYE" 6 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

**ADJOURNMENT:** *The next regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council of the City of Lamesa will be September 12, 2023, at 5:30 P.M*

ATTEST:

  
Betty Conde  
City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Josh Stevens  
Mayor