

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

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

August 31, 2022

On this the 31st day of August 2022, 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 7 City Council Members were present:

JOSH STEVENS	Mayor
MORGAN VERMILLION	Council Member – District 1
FRED VERA	Council Member – District 2
GLORIA V. RODRIGUEZ	Council Member – District 3 Mayor Pro Tem
DANNY JACOBS	Council Member - District 4
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
RUSSELL CASSELBERRY	CITY ATTORNEY

Members of the press present at the meeting:

Mary Elizabeth

Members of the public present at the meeting:

Wayne Chapman	Leticia Dimas	Ernest Ogeda
Josh Peterson	Irma Ramirez	
Larry Duyck	Brian Beck	

INVOCATION: Bobby Gonzales

FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 2022-2023 BUDGET - ADOPTION: Consider passing an ordinance on second reading with record vote in accordance with State Law (Local Government Code, Chapter 102, Section 102.007) providing funds for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, by approving the budget for said period and appropriating and setting aside the necessary funds out of the General Fund, Water/Wastewater, Solid Waste funds for the maintenance and operation of the various departments and for various activities and improvements to the City. (*City Manager*)

Motion by Council Member Morgan Vermillion to adopt on second reading the Proposed 2022-2023 Annual Budget, including the following statement (to be read aloud):

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$84,496.00 OR 3.47% AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$145.00 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR

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

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
Josh Stevens	—√—	—	—
MORGAN VERMILLION	—√—	—	—
FRED VERA	—√—	—	—
GLORIA V. RODRIGUEZ	—√—	—	—
DANNY L JACOBS	—√—	—	—
BOBBY G. GONZALES	—√—	—	—
RUDY SAUSED JR	—√—	—	—

RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET: Consider ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget that raises more property taxes than the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. (*City Manager*)

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$84,496.00, WHICH IS A 3.47% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$145.00.

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget that raises more property tax rate than the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. This year's proposed tax rate of \$0.799070 exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate. Motion seconded by Council Member Rudy Sausaed and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
JOSH STEVENS	—√—	—	—
MORGAN VERMILLION	—√—	—	—
FRED VERA	—√—	—	—
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	—√—	—	—
DANNY JACOBS	—√—	—	—
BOBBY GONZALES	—√—	—	—
RUDY SAUDEDA	—√—	—	—

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2022 (DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE): Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 by passing on first reading an ordinance 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, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. (*City Manager*)

Motion by Council Member Rudy Sauseda 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, 2022 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023."

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

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

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

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2022 (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAX RATE):
 Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate which will raise the amount of revenue needed to fund Maintenance and Operation expenditures at a rate of **\$0.799070** for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022.
(City Manager)

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 \$0.799070 WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 3.57 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.

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

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

JOSH STEVENS	—√—	—	—
MORGAN VERMILLION	—√—	—	—
FRED VERA	—√—	—	—
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	—√—	—	—
DAANNY JACOBS	—√—	—	—
BOBBY GONZALES	—√—	—	—
RUDY SAUSEDA	—√—	—	—

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2022: Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.799070 per hundred dollar assessed valuation for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023, 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 3.46 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-54.76. {Section 26.05(b)1(A&B) OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE}.

Motion by Council Member Morgan Vermillion must be stated as; **"I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.799070, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 3.57 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 3.4 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-54.76.

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.

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
JOSH STEVENS	—√—	—	—
MORGAN VERMILLION	—√—	—	—
FRED VERA	—√—	—	—
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	—√—	—	—
DANNY JACOBS	—√—	—	—

BOBBY GONZALES
RUDY SAUSEDA

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CALL FOR BIDS ON LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY: Consider approval of a call for bids for a lease of two (2) years beginning May 1, 2022 and ending March 31st, 2023 with up to three (3) one-year options, for the following City-owned property:

Tract "A": Approximately 168 acres of land surrounding the city's sewer treatment plant, lagoons, and sanitary landfill; and

Tract "B": Approximately 34 acres out of the West 120 acres of the South ½ of Section 17, Block 35, T-5-N, off of Radio Road.

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales to consider approval of a call for bids for a lease of two (2) years beginning May 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023 with up to three (3) one-year options, for the following City-owned property:

Tract "A": Approximately 168 acres of land surrounding the city's sewer treatment plant, lagoons, and sanitary landfill; and

Tract "B": Approximately 34 acres out of the West 120 acres of the South ½ of Section 17, Block 35, T-5-N, off of Radio Road.

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

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Consider convening into closed Executive Session with the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Texas for the following:

Sec. 551.071, Texas Government Code Consultation with Attorney regarding contemplated litigation under the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act).

Motion by Council Member Morgan Vermillion to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Council Member Gloria Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.


VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

ADJOURNMENT: *The next regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council of the City of Lamesa will be September 6, 2022 at 5:30 P.M*

ATTEST:


Betty Conde
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Josh Stevens
Mayor