

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

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

August 22, 2023

On this the 22nd 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
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	Leticia Dimas	Norma Garcia
Josh Peterson	Irma Ramirez	Maria & Nick Guillen	
Larry Duyck	Brian Beck	Ernest Ogeda	Maurine & David Savage

FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 2023-2024 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, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, 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 Fred Vera to adopt on second reading the Proposed 2023-2024 Annual Budget, including the following statement (to be read aloud):

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$69,085 OR 2.75% AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$121 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR

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	√	—	—

RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET: Consider ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-204 budget that raises more property taxes than the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget. (City Manager)

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$69,085 OR 2.75% AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$121 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget that raises more property tax rate than the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget. This year's proposed tax rate of \$0.745187 exceeds the no-new-revenue 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	<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 (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 Danny Jacobs 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 Rudy Sauseda 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 (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 Bobby Gonzales 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 Gloria Rodriguez 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

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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 Rudy Sauseda 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 Gloria Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

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VACANT	—	—	—
FRED VERA	√	—	—
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	√	—	—
DANNY L JACOBS	√	—	—
BOBBY GONZALEZ	√	—	—
RUDY SAUSED A JR	√	—	—

OPEN AND AWARD BID ON SCADA IMPROVEMENTS AND SUPPORT SERVICES:
 City Council to consider awarding the bid for the Scada Improvements and Services (City Manager)

Bids were opened and will be awarded on September 12, 2023, at the regularly scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT: Public hearing regarding a Specific Use Permit for the following property: Section 6 Block 35, T-5-N, T. & P. in the City of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas located at 702 N Main Avenue Lamesa, Texas 79331 for a manufactured home as their primary residence. (Building Official)

The Mayor will ask if anyone wishes to speak regarding the following property. Brian Beck the City Inspector spoke. Opened @ 6:15 and closed @ 6:15p.m. Following the public comments, the Mayor will close the public hearing

REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT: City Council to consider approving an Ordinance on first 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 First reading approving a Specific Use Permit for the following property located at 702 N. Main Avenue Lamesa, Texas 79331. Motion seconded by Council Member Danny Jacobs and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

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

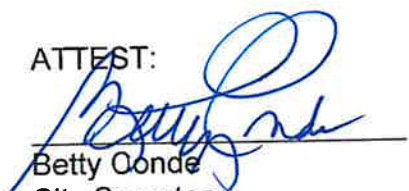
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council to consider convening into closed executive session regarding:

Section 551.087 Texas Government Code: Deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations.
Section 551.0726 Texas Government Code: Contracts being negotiated.

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

ADJOURNMENT: *The next regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council of the City of Lamesa will be August 24, 2023, at 5:30 P.M*

ATTEST:


Betty Conde
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Josh Stevens
Mayor