



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS**

September 22, 2023

On September 22, 2023, a regular meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 3:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5th floor, City Hall, 411 W. 8th, Odessa, Texas.

City Council present: Mayor Javier Joven; Council members: Mark Matta, District One; Steven P. Thompson, District Two; Gilbert Vasquez, District Three; Greg Connell, District Four; Chris Hanie, District Five, and Denise Swanner, At-Large.

Staff present: Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; John Beckmeyer, City Manager; Dan Jones, City Attorney, and other members of City staff.

A quorum being present, Mayor Joven called the meeting to order, and the following proceedings were held:

The invocation was given by Mayor Joven followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas flags.

Public Hearing

Open a public hearing on tax increase for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Seth Boles, Interim Director of Finance, stated that a tax rate of \$0.483791 per \$100 valuation was proposed. The no-new-revenue tax rate was \$0.47371 per \$100 and the voter-approval tax rate was \$0.522978 per \$100. The no-new-revenue tax rate was the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that would raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Odessa from the same properties in 2022 and 2023 tax years.

Council member Swanner stated that it was the same tax rate as last year but an increase in revenue was due to property values and growth of population. The public hearing was closed. State law required specific language on the tax rate.

Regular

Ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mr. Boles stated that the proposed rate was the same tax rate as approved for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The rate would be \$0.483791 per \$100 valuation. The proposed rate was higher than the no-new-revenue rate of \$0.474371, and it was lower than the total voter-approval rate of \$0.522978. The budget would raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,551,589, which was a 5.2% increase from last year's budget. The tax raised from the new property added to the tax roll this year was \$1,905,355.

Motion was made by Council member Matta and seconded by Council member Hanie to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Levying the tax for the 2023 tax year and fiscal year 2023-2024. Mr. Boles stated that the levy for the 2023 tax year was adopting a tax rate of 48.3791 cents per \$100 property valuation for municipal maintenance/operations and debt service for fiscal year 2023-2024. The proposed tax rate was the same as last year. The 2023 total taxable value for Odessa was \$11,112,735,746 which was an increase of 5.2% as compared to the 2022 total taxable value.

Motion was made by Council member Swanner that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of the tax of \$0.483791, which is effectively a 1.9% increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Council member Vasquez. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

The ordinance was approved on first approval.

Resolution No. 2023R-83 – Necessary signatures in connection with City Funds. Mr. Boles stated that the authorized signatures would be amended by adding John Beckmeyer and Monica Munoz.

Motion was made by Council member Hanie and seconded by Council member Matta to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Motion was made by Council member Swanner and seconded by Council member Vasquez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Javier Joven
Mayor