



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

September 28, 2023

On September 28, 2023, a meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 3:11 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5th floor, City Hall, 411 W. 8th, Odessa, Texas.

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

City Council absent: Mayor Javier Joven and Council member Chris Hanie, District Five.

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 Pro Tem Swanner called the meeting to order, and the following proceedings were held:

The invocation was given by Council member Vasquez followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas flags.

Ordinance No. 2023- 25 - Levy the tax for the 2023 tax year and fiscal year 2023-2024.

Seth Boles, Interim Finance Director, 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 Matta 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 Conell. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

The ordinance was approved on first approval.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Denise Swanner
Mayor Pro Tem