

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 8th day of September 2022, the Amarillo City Council met at 1:00 p.m. for a regular meeting held in Council Chamber, located on the third floor of City Hall at 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON	MAYOR
FREDA POWELL	MAYOR PRO TEM/COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COLE STANLEY	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
HOWARD SMITH	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent was Eddy Sauer, Councilmember No. 3. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARED MILLER	CITY MANAGER
ANDREW FREEMAN	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
RICH GAGNON	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
FLOYD HARTMAN	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
LAURA STORRS	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	CITY ATTORNEY
STEPHANIE COGGINS	CITY SECRETARY
CARTER ESTES	ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
JENIFER RAMIREZ	ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

A quorum was established by Mayor Nelson and Councilmembers Powell, Smith, and Stanley. Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., welcomed those in attendance, and the following items of business were conducted.

The invocation was given by Mary Nell Hunt with Pray the City. Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

There was no one that presented to address the Council.

ITEM 1 – PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET: Mayor Nelson introduced an item to hold a public hearing on the fiscal year 2022/2023 proposed property tax rate. Ms. Storrs presented the item. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing. Speaking for the item was Noah Dawson; speaking against the item was James Schenck; and speaking on the item were none. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

ITEM 2 – CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8004: Mayor Nelson introduced the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo budget for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. This budget allows for the City to continue providing effective public services, programs and assistance to Amarillo residents in the upcoming year. Ms. Storrs presented the item. A motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. 8004 for the proposed budget which reflects an increase in revenue derived from property tax revenues over last year's budget by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

ORDINANCE NO. 8004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2022, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, FOR THE CITY OF AMARILLO; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH BUDGET; AMENDING VARIOUS TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD, MODIFY, INCREASE, OR DELETE VARIOUS FEES AND RATES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY

CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND
APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson and Councilmembers Powell, Smith and Stanley; voting NO were none; absent were none; the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 3 – CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8005: Mayor Nelson introduced the second and final reading of an ordinance approving the City of Amarillo tax roll, setting an ad valorem property tax rate and levying a tax on all property subject to taxation within the City for the 2022 tax year. This ordinance establishes an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.33079 per \$100.00 property valuation for City maintenance and operations expenses and \$0.07549 per \$100.00 property valuation for existing debt expenses resulting in a total ad valorem rate of \$0.40628 per \$100.00 property valuation. Ms. Storrs presented the item. A motion was made that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.40628 which is effectively a 2.35 percent increase in the tax rate, by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

ORDINANCE NO. 8005
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING TAX ROLL; SETTING
THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL
PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY
OF AMARILLO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2022; ESTABLISHING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING CONFLICTING
ORDINANCES.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson and Councilmembers Powell, Smith and Stanley; voting NO were none; absent were none; the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 4 – RATIFICATION – CITY OF AMARILLO TAX RATE AND BUDGET: Mayor Nelson introduced an item to take a separate ratification vote on the tax rate pursuant to the terms of Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, Sec. 102.007 (c). A motion was made to ratify the Budget and Tax Rate, as adopted for Fiscal year 2022-23, recognizing such budget will require more revenue from property taxes than did the budget adopted last year, by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson and Councilmembers Powell, Smith and Stanley; voting NO were none; absent were none; the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.
Mayor Nelson adjourned the regular meeting at 1:24 p.m.

ATTEST:


Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary


Ginger Nelson, Mayor