



Amarillo City Council Special Meeting

September 16, 2025

3:00 PM

Amarillo City Hall, Council Chamber
623 S. Johnson, Third Floor
Amarillo, Texas 79101

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

On September 16, 2025 the Amarillo City Council met at 3:00 PM for a Special Meeting held in Council Chamber, located on the third floor of City Hall at 623 South Johnson Street, with the following members present:

Mayor Cole Stanley
Councilmember, Place 1 Tim Reid
Councilmember, Place 2 Don Tipps
Councilmember, Place 3 David Prescott
Councilmember, Place 4 Les Simpson
Absent were none.

Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

Grayson Path, City Manager
Andrew Freeman, Deputy City Manager
Rich Gagnon, Assistant City Manager
Laura Storrs, Chief Financial Officer
Floyd Hartman, Special Advisor
Donny Hooper, Assistant City Manager
Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney
Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary

Mayor Stanley established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

- 2. Public Comment** The public will be permitted to offer public comment on agenda items and items related to City business. Citizens interested in commenting may sign up online at <https://www.amarillo.gov/city-secretary/public-comment-registration-form/>, by calling the City Secretary's office at (806) 378-3014, or in person in Room 3500 of City Hall, 623 S. Johnson. Citizens should sign up at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.

Mayor Stanley opened public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Kelsey Morgan Citizen
Mike Fisher Citizen
Tim Benson Citizen
Allen Finegold Citizen

Mayor Stanley closed public comment.

3. Agenda Items

3.B. **PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET:**

This Budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$8,475,975 which is an 11.77% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$1,245,224.

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Chief Financial Officer)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item. Mayor Stanley opened a public hearing. Speaking for the item were none, speaking against the item were none, and speaking on the item was Mike Fisher. Mayor Stanley closed the public hearing.

3.C. **PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE: THE CITY OF AMARILLO IS CONSIDERING A TAX RATE OF \$0.43070, WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE CURRENT 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
15.30 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME
BY APPROXIMATELY \$12.47.**

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Chief Financial Officer)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item. Mayor Stanley opened a public hearing. Speaking for the item were none, speaking against the

item was Kelsey Morgan, and speaking on the item were Mike Fisher and Allen Finegold. Mayor Stanley closed the public hearing.

3.D CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8218 ADOPTING THE CITY OF AMARILLO BUDGET FOR THE 2025/2026 FISCAL YEAR

This item is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. This budget allows the City to continue providing effective public services, programs and assistance to Amarillo residents in the upcoming year.

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

(Pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sec. 551.043 as amended by HB 1522, effective September 1, 2025.)

A copy of the 2025/2026 City of Amarillo Proposed Budget can be found on the city's website at Amarillo.gov (2025-2026 City of Amarillo Proposed Budget by City_of_Amarillo - Issuu).

	FY2024/25 Current Year Tax Rate	FY2025/26 Proposed Tax Rate	FY2025/26 New-Revenue Tax Rate
Taxpayer Impact Statement - Randall County			
City of Amarillo Total Tax Rate	\$0.38723	\$0.43070	\$0.38723
Median Value Homestead Property*	\$245,883	\$245,883	\$245,883
Median Value Homestead Property Tax Bill	\$952.13	\$1,059.02	\$952.13
Difference to Current Year Tax Bill		\$106.89	-\$106.89

	FY2024/25 Current Year Tax Rate	FY2025/26 Proposed Tax Rate	FY2025/26 New-Revenue Tax Rate
Taxpayer Impact Statement - Potter County			
City of Amarillo Total Tax Rate	\$0.38723	\$0.43070	\$0.38723
Median Value Homestead Property*	\$142,107	\$142,107	\$142,107
Median Value Homestead Property Tax Bill	\$550.28	\$612.05	\$550.28
Difference to Current Year Tax Bill		\$61.77	-\$61.77

**Only 2025 median values are currently available from the Potter-Randall Appraisal District.*

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Chief Financial Officer)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

ACTION: Motion to adoption of Ordinance number 8218 adopting the budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026 for the City of Amarillo by Tim Reid, second by Don Tipps;
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

AYES: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3.E. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8219 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 2025 TAX YEAR:

This is 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 2025 tax year. This ordinance establishes an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.33114 per \$100.00 property valuation for City maintenance and operations expenses and \$0.09956 per \$100.00 property valuation for existing debt expenses, resulting in a total ad valorem rate of \$0.43070 per \$100.00 property valuation.

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 15.30 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$12.47.

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Chief Financial Officer)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

ACTION: Motion to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.43070, which is effectively a 15.30 percent increase in the tax rate by David Prescott, second by Don Tipps;
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

AYES: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3.F. RATIFICATION – CITY OF AMARILLO TAX RATE AND BUDGET:
Pursuant to the terms of Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, Sec. 102.007(c), the City Council is required to take a separate ratification vote on the tax rate when the adopted budget requires more property tax revenue than did the previous year's budget.

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Chief Financial Officer)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

ACTION: Motion to ratify the budget and tax rate, as adopted for fiscal year 2025/26, recognizing such budget will require more revenue from property taxes than did the budget adopted last year by David Prescott, second by Tim Reid;

Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

AYES: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3.G. CONSIDER DONATION – "THE AMARILLO COWBOY" STATUE

This item considers the approval of a sculpted bust titled "The Amarillo Cowboy" to be donated to the City of Amarillo and intended for permanent display in City Hall.

Donors: King and Dianne Hill

Estimated Value of Donation: \$10,000.00

(Contact: Donny Hooper, Assistant City Manager)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Mr. Hooper presented the item. No action was taken.

3.H. Discussion of "Request for Proposal (RFP) # 211-25 RNG for Major Medical — All Benefits" for Third Party Administration for Employer Sponsored Medical, Dental, Vision, Pharmacy benefits and related services.

(Contact: Mitchell Normand, Director of Human Resources)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Mitchell Normand, Human Resources Director, presented the item.

3.A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-16-25-1

This item considers a resolution approving the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation.

(Contact: Doug Nelson, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Doug Nelson, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, presented the item.

ACTION: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 09-16-25-1 as presented by David Prescott, second by Don Tipps;
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

AYES: Cole Stanley, Tim Reid, Don Tipps, David Prescott, Les Simpson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Adjourn

Mayor Stanley adjourned the Special Meeting at 4:38 PM.

ATTEST:

/s/ Stephanie Coggins
Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary

/s/ Cole Stanley
Cole Stanley, Mayor