

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 4th day of September 2018, the Amarillo City Council met at 7:00 a.m. for a regular meeting in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON
ELAINE HAYS
FREDA POWELL
HOWARD SMITH

MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent was Councilmember Eddy Sauer. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARED H. MILLER
MICHELLE BONNER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS
STEPHANIE COGGINS
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
CITY SECRETARY

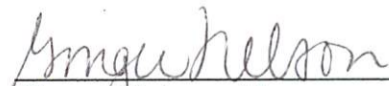
ITEM 1: Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing and stated that the City of Amarillo is considering a tax rate of \$0.36838. This proposed rate will raise more taxes than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 1.80 percent. The tax on an average home last year was \$434.32. The tax on an average home would be \$476.49 under the proposed rate. Laura Storrs, Finance Director, stated the City of Amarillo follows the Texas Property Tax Laws and Truth-In Taxation. She presented the certified values, effective tax rate comparisons, increase in revenues, general fund budget and how the increased tax dollars will be used. This included the 2018/2019 new public safety initiatives: 17 police officers, 5 firefighter positions, fire department overtime, and first year maintenance on the new radio communication system for public safety. Ms. Storrs also presented a comparison of other cities' tax rates versus taxable value. Ms. Storrs stated there are two public hearings required. The next public hearing on the tax rate would be on September 11 at 7:00 a.m. The budget and tax rate ordinances would be on the September 11 and September 18 agendas. Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing. Jerri Glover, 5707 Berget Street, stated she does not mind paying taxes in fact, she stated Amarillo is willfully lacking in services and infrastructure. She also spoke on the 7:00 a.m. meeting time and further stated it was a disservice. There were no further comments. Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

ITEM 2: Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing on the fiscal year 2018/2019 budget. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$1,239,167 or 2.8%, and of that amount \$734,270 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Stephanie Coggins, Assistant to the City Manager, reviewed items in the proposed budget. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, questioned how much reserves were used to service the debt. Mayor Nelson replied that Michelle Bonner would be able to explain those numbers to him after the meeting. There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Ginger Nelson, Mayor