

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 13th of August, 2021, the Amarillo City Council met at 1:00 p.m. for a special meeting held in the Council Chambers located on the third floor of City Hall at 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON	MAYOR
COLE STANLEY	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
FREDA POWELL	MAYOR PRO TEM
EDDIE SAUER	COUNCILMEMBER No. 3
HOWARD SMITH	COUNCILMEMBER No. 4

Absent were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARED MILLER	CITY MANAGER
FLOYD HARTMAN	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
LAURA STORRS	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS	INTERIM DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY
JENIFER RAMIREZ	ASSISTANT TO CITY MANAGER
BRENDA SHAW	INTERIM CITY SECRETARY
STEPHANIE COGGINS	PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

The Invocation was given by Carol Smith.
Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: There were no comments.

Mayor Nelson established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

ITEM 1: NON-CONSENT ITEMS:

ITEM 3A. Mayor Nelson opened a public hearing on Tax Increase. This item was presented by Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager. The City of Amarillo is considering a Tax Rate of \$0.48404, 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 24.48 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$60.45.

Public Comments:

1. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Road, Amarillo, TX, spoke on Item 3A.
2. Michael Ford, Amarillo, TX, spoke on Item 3A.

Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

ITEM 3B. Mayor Nelson presented an Ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo Budget for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager presented this item. This is the second reading of an ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo budget for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. This budget allows for the City to continue providing effective public services, programs and assistance to Amarillo residents in the upcoming year.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell to adopt Ordinance No. 7924 adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022 for the City of Amarillo, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

ORDINANCE NO. 7924

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, 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 SERVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Record vote was held on this item:
Mayor Ginger Nelson voted AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Freda Powell voted AYE
Councilmember Howard Smith voted AYE
Councilmember Eddy Sauer voted AYE
Councilmember Cole Stanley voted NO

The motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3C. Mayor Nelson presented 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 2021 Tax Year. This item was presented by Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager. This is the second 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 2021 tax year. This ordinance establishes an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.40493 per \$100.00 property valuation for City maintenance and operations expenses and \$0.07911 per \$100.00 property valuation for existing debt expenses resulting in a total ad valorem rate of \$0.48404 per \$100.00 property valuation. Mayor Pro Tem Powell moved the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.48404, which is effectively a 24.48 percent increase in the tax rate, seconded by Councilmember Sauer.

ORDINANCE NO. 7925

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 2021; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

Record vote was held on this item:
Mayor Ginger Nelson voted AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Freda Powell voted AYE
Councilmember Howard Smith voted AYE
Councilmember Eddy Sauer voted AYE
Councilmember Cole Stanley voted NO

The motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3D. Mayor Nelson presented Ratification of the 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell moved to ratify the Budget and Tax Rate, as adopted for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, recognizing such budget will require more revenue from property taxes than did the budget adopted last year, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Powell, Councilmembers Sauer, and Smith; voting NO were Councilmember Stanley; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3E. Mayor Nelson introduced Resolution No. 08-13-21-1 to order a special municipal election of the City of Amarillo to be conducted on the 2nd day of November 2021 in the City of Amarillo.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO TO BE CONDUCTED ON THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021 IN THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Powell to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting AYE were Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Powell, Councilmembers Stanley, Sauer and Smith; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

Mayor Nelson adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

ATTEST:


Brenda Shaw, Stephanie Coggins,
Interim City Secretary


Ginger Nelson, Mayor