

City of Archer City
Public Hearing on Tax Increase
Open Regular City Council Meeting & Budget Workshop
Thursday, September 15, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

The Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council of the City of Archer City, met for a public hearing on the tax increase, open regular city council meeting and budget workshop on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 116 S. Sycamore, Archer City, Texas.

Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Paula Bradley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Billy Burks gave the invocation and Mayor Pro-Tem Bradley led the Pledge of Allegiance for the United States and Texas flags.

The following Council members were present for roll call:

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| Mayor | Jake Truette - absent |
| Council Members | Paula Bradley |
| | Debra Haehn |
| | Megan Randall |
| | Billy Burks |
| | Leslie Hash |

Staff present: City Manager – George Huffman, City Secretary - Kim Whitsitt

Guests Present – Nathan Lawson – Archer County News, Larry Holloway, Jackie Ditto, Michael & Jenny Bradshaw, Susie Wallace

Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Mayor Pro-Tem Bradley convened the Public Hearing on the tax increase at 7:03 p.m. and stated a tax rate of .76180 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of the City of Archer City. This rate exceeds the no new revenue rate, and state law requires that a public hearing be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate. The proposed tax rate will raise more total property taxes than last year by \$62,199.00 or 12.84% and of that amount \$6,243.41 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Public Comments

Larry Holloway, Jackie Ditto and Michael Bradshaw addressed Council with concerns over the proposed City contract with AMR for emergency medical service operations. Concerns included AMR taking over the Archer City Ambulance Service and taking City tax dollars out of the City to pay AMR. Michael Bradshaw made a request to pursue other options to save money such as using first responders while waiting on an ambulance to respond from Wichita Falls. Mr. Holloway also addressed code enforcement.

Consent Agenda

Leslie Hash made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Megan Randall seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Monthly Reports

City Manager report: Public Works and Police- George Huffman
City Secretary report: Financial Report – Kim Whitsitt
AGCDC/4B report – Financial report - None

Budget Workshop

Kim Whitsitt reviewed the 2022 2023 budget with Council. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 449 4B Archer County Shooting Sports Complex

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning a resolution authorizing the expenditure of 4B funds to contribute up to \$15,000.00 to fund improvements at the Archer County Shooting Sports Complex. Megan Randall made the motion to approve the resolution. Leslie Hash seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Paula Bradley – Yes, Megan Randall – Yes, Debra Haehn – Yes, Leslie Hash – Yes, Billy Burks abstained.

AMR Proposal for Emergency Medical Services

George Huffman addressed Council and stated AMR had proposed to contract with the City for one year for \$425,000.00, and the contract should be ready for legal review next week. A special called meeting would be needed to approve the contract. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Property Tax Increase

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning the ratification of the property tax rate reflected in the proposed 2022-2023 FY Budget. Billy Burks made the motion to ratify the property tax rate of .76180 reflected in the proposed 2022-2023 FY Budget that will raise more total property tax revenue than last year's budget by \$62,199.00 or 12.84%. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Billy Burks - Yes, Debra Haehn – Yes, Paula Bradley – Yes, Leslie Hash – Yes, Megan Randall - Yes

Ordinance 363 Adopting 2022 - 2023 FY Budget

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning Ordinance 363 adopting the 2022-2023 FY Budget. Debra Haehn made the motion to approve Ordinance 363. Billy Burks seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Debra Haehn – Yes, Billy Burks – Yes, Paula Bradley – Yes, Leslie Hash – Yes, Megan Randall - Yes

Ordinance 364 Adopting the 2022 - 2023 Property Tax Rate

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning Ordinance 364 adopting the 2022 - 2023 property tax rate. Billy Burks made the motion to approve Ordinance 364 as follows: *"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .76180, which is effectively a 11.56 percent increase in the tax rate"*. Megan Randall seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Billy Burks – Yes, Paula Bradley – Yes, Debra Haehn – Yes, Leslie Hash – Yes, Megan Randall - Yes

Ordinance 365 Amending Water Rates and Solid Waste Fees

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning Ordinance 365 amending the fee schedule of the Code of Ordinances to include revised water rates and solid waste fees effective October 1, 2022. Leslie Hash made the motion to approve Ordinance 365. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

2021 2022 Budget Amendments

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning the 2021-2022 budget amendments and stated additional budget amendments were not needed.

2012 2022 Budget Revisions

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning approval of the 2021-2022 budget revisions. Leslie Hash made the motion to approve the budget revisions. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Billy Burks moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Leslie Hash seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Kim Whitsitt, City Secretary

Paula Bradley, Mayor Pro-Tem