

City Council Regular Meeting
September 18, 2023

A City Council special meeting was held on the above date at Cameron City Hall, McLane Municipal Center, 100 South Houston Avenue, 3rd Floor, Cameron, Texas with all officers and members present.

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Fuchs offered the invocation.

Council Member Goza led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Harris asked for citizen's comments.

There were no citizens comments.

Council Member Fuchs moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 special meeting. Council Member Goza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Harris opened a public hearing at 5:31 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on 2023-2024 Proposed City of Cameron Budgets.

City Manager Ricky Tow reviewed total revenue and expenditure totals for each budget.

Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

Mayor Harris opened a public hearing at 5:33 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on the 2023 – 2024 proposed Cameron Economic Development Corporation budget.

Cameron Economic Development Corporation Director Ginger Watkins reviewed total revenue and expenditure totals.

Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 5:34 p.m.

Mayor Harris opened a public hearing at 5:34 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on the 2023-2024 proposed Cameron Economic Development Corporation projects.

Cameron Economic Development Corporation Director Ginger Watkins reviewed the list of proposed projects for the upcoming year.

Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor Harris opened a public hearing at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on the 2023 – 2024 proposed tax rate.

Proposed budgets were figured using the current tax rate.

Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

Council Member Dominguez entered the meeting at this time.

Alan Ross with SPI presented bids received for the 2023 ARPA water system improvement project for 6th Street waterline replacement project.

Council Member Fuchs moved to award the bid to D & S Contracting Inc as recommended by SPI. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dwight Goldsby's representatives requested permission to use the softball fields on October 7, 2023 with 8 to 10 trash barrels for the 7th Annual Softball Tournament.

Council Member Goza moved to approve the request. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Officer Duncan requested permission to hold National Night Out on October 3, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Cameron Police Department.

Council Member Fuchs moved to approve the request. Council Member Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Dave Melton, representing the All Saints Episcopal Church requested permission to block streets for the Blessing of the Animals on October 1, 2023 from Noon to approximately 3 p.m.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the request. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Melanie Reed and Spring Janke requested payment of funding for the past due post event reports for tourism funding. The funding was approved; however, forms were not turned in by the due dates.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the payments. Council Member Fuchs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Cryer moved to approve the following ordinance on its second and final reading. Council Member Goza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-09-18-015

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the electorate of the City of Cameron, Texas, adopted a Charter at an election called for the purpose, which became effective the first Tuesday in April, 1956; and

WHEREAS, Section 127 of this Charter dictates that a newspaper published in the City of Cameron in the English language be declared as the official newspaper of the City each fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMERON, TEXAS:

That the official newspaper of the City of Cameron, Texas for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 is hereby declared to be

**Central Texas Publishing, LP
Dbas "The Cameron Herald"
108 East 1st Street
Cameron, TX 76520**

Council Member Cryer moved to approve the following ordinance on its second and final reading. Council Member Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-09-18-016
CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
ANNUAL BUDGET**

MAYOR
William Harris

MAYOR PRO-TEM
Nathan Fuchs

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barbara Dominguez
Maurice Goza

Kyle Deal
Jimmy Pratt
Cliff Cryer

CITY MANAGER
Ricky Tow

CITY SECRETARY/FINANCE OFFICER
Amy Harris

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$359,400, which is a 18.71% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$7,985.20.

City Council Record Vote

The members of the governing body voted on the adoption of the budget as follows:

FOR:

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Tax Rate	Proposed FY 2023-2024	Adopted FY 2023-2024
Property Tax Rate	\$0.73	\$0.659373
No-New Revenue Tax Rate	\$0.5690	\$0.5690
Voter-Approval Tax Rate	\$0.5861	\$0.5861
M & O Tax Rate	\$0.5583	\$0.487673
Debt Rate	\$0.1717	\$0.1717

The total amount of municipal debt obligation secured by property taxes for the City of Cameron is \$517,548.94.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the following ordinance on its second and final reading. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-09-18-017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cameron, Texas, approved the municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an ordinance be passed levying an ad valorem tax on all property, both real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Cameron, Texas in accordance with such budget and the Texas Tax Code;

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron was required to hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate and did such on September 18, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS:

Section 1. There is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the maintenance and operation of the municipal government of the City of Cameron (herein the "City") and to provide an amount described by Texas Tax Code Section 26.04(e)(3)(C) for the 2023/2024 fiscal year, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City on January 31, 2024 subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.659373 on each \$100.00 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

1. For the maintenance and operation of the general government (General Fund), \$0.487673 on each \$100.00 valuation of property; and
2. For the interest and sinking fund, \$0.1717 on each \$100.00 valuation of property

Section 2. That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2023 and if not paid on or before January 31, 2024, and if then not paid, shall be delinquent and subject to penalties and interest in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the Milam County Tax Office as the assessor and collector of the City is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City, and shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the general fund of the City. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from date of delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

Section 4. As required by Texas Tax Code section 26.05, the following statements are provided:

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 0 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.

The City Secretary is directed to post the applicable information regarding taxes on the City's Internet website.

Council Member Fuchs moved to approve the expenditures for September 2, 2023 through September 15, 2023. Council Member Goza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There following expenditures exceeded \$25,000.00:

- TMRS \$25,809.96
- Waste Connections \$41,611.92
- BOK Financial \$89,733.25

There being no other business to consider, Council Member Deal moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Council Member Fuchs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.