

City Council Special Meeting  
September 2, 2025

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

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

Council Member Deal offered the invocation.

Council Member Pratt led the pledge of allegiance.

Council Member Deal moved to approve August 19, 2025, special meeting minutes. Council Member Vaculin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Fuchs asked for citizen's comments.

There were no citizens' comments.

Council Member Harris moved to appoint Julie Berry to the Cameron Tourism Board for the Business 2 Member expiring April 2027. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Deal moved to appoint the following members to the Cameron Economic Development Board for a two-year term:

- Jim Camp
- Mike Zajicek
- Chris Egger
- Sara Kostroun

Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Fuchs read the following ordinance for its first reading:

**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, 2025 is hereby declared to be

**Central Texas Publishing, LP  
Dba "The Cameron Herald"  
108 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Cameron, TX 76520**

Mayor Fuchs read the following ordinance for its first reading:

**CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS  
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026  
ANNUAL BUDGET**

MAYOR  
Nathan Fuchs

MAYOR PRO-TEM  
Kyle Deal

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barbara Dominguez  
Jeremy Vaculin

Tommy Harris  
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 \$40,000 which is a 2% increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$55,167.10.

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 2025-2026	Adopted FY 2025-2026
Property Tax Rate	\$.631230	
No-New Revenue Tax Rate	\$0.600344	
Voter-Approval Tax Rate	\$0.610947	
M & O Tax Rate	\$0.486902	
Debt Rate	\$0.144328	

The total amount of municipal debt obligation secured by property taxes for the City of Cameron is \$512,055.69.

Mayor Fuchs read the following ordinance for its first reading:

**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, 2025 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 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, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; 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 15, 2025.

**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 2025/2026 fiscal year, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City on January 31, 2026 subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.631230 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), \$0.486902 on each \$100.00 valuation of property; and
2. For the interest and sinking fund, \$0.144328 on each \$100.00 valuation of property

**Section 2.** That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2025 and if not paid on or before January 31, 2026, 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.

**Section 5.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its second and final reading.

Mayor Fuchs read the following ordinance for its first reading:

**A ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS  
ADOPTING A MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY WHICH PROVIDES A  
COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF CITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;  
REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THIS  
ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cameron, Texas (the "City") has adopted fees by various means, adoptions, and actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it appropriate to adopt an ordinance clarifying, modernizing, and adjusting fees into a Master Fee Schedule that is to be included in the City's Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, public hearings have been held in compliance with state law regarding the adoption of certain fees.

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

**SECTION 1. Findings.** The City Council recitals above are hereby determined to be true and adopted and incorporated herein for all purposes.

**SECTION 2. Fee Schedule.** The City hereby adopts a Master Fee Schedule that incorporates fees adopted by various means, adoptions, and actions and includes newly adopted fees. The Master Fee Schedule is contained in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, and all fees contained therein are now adopted as the proper fees to be charged by the City for the applicable activity.

**SECTION 3. Severability.** It is hereby declared that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the city council without the incorporation of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 4. Repealing Conflicting Ordinances.** All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its adoption and it is accordingly so ordained.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the expenditures for August 9, 2025, through August 22, 2025. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The following expenditure exceeded \$25,000.00:

- Axon Enterprise \$91,645.14
- Westar Construction \$71,778.20

City Manager Ricky Tow reviewed the proposed budget with changes from last meeting.

There being no other business to consider, Council Member Deal moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.