

# City of Archer City

## Public Hearing on Tax Increase Open Regular City Council Meeting & Budget Workshop Thursday, September 21, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

The Mayor 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 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 116 S. Sycamore, Archer City, Texas.

### Call to Order

Mayor Jake Truette called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Truette gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance for the United States and Texas flags.

The following Council members were present for roll call:

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

Staff present: City Manager – George Huffman, City Secretary - Kim Whitsitt, Police Chief – Justin Perron

Guests Present – Nathan Lawson – Archer County News, Kellie Perron, Karen Aulds, Susie Wallace

### Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Mayor Truette convened the Public Hearing on the tax increase at 6:32 p.m. and stated a tax rate of .74691 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 \$45,479.00 or 8.32% and of that amount \$7,555.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

### Public Comments

None

### Consent Agenda

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

### Monthly Reports

City Manager report: Ambulance, Public Works and Police - George Huffman

City Secretary report: Financial Report – Kim Whitsitt

AGCDC/4B report – Financial report – Paula Bradley

### Budget Workshop

Kim Whitsitt reviewed the 2023 2024 budget with Council. No action taken.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Contract for Ambulance Services with AMR

Mayor Truette addressed Council concerning ratification of a contract with AMR for ambulance services for the term beginning November 1, 2023 for \$500,000.00. Mayor Truette stated the contract had been signed and the annual contract price would be partially subsidized by Archer County in the amount of \$250,000.00. Paula Bradley made the motion to ratify the contract with AMR. Leslie Hash seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

### NEW BUSINESS

### **Ratification of Property Tax Increase**

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning the ratification of the property tax rate reflected in the proposed 2023-2024 FY Budget. Megan Randall made the motion to ratify the property tax rate of .74691 reflected in the proposed 2023-2024 FY Budget that will raise more total property tax revenue than last year's budget by \$45,479.00 or 8.32%. 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 375 Adopting 2023 - 2024 FY Budget**

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning Ordinance 375 adopting the 2023-2024 FY Budget. Debra Haehn made the motion to approve Ordinance 375. Paula Bradley seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Debra Haehn – Yes, Billy Burks – Yes, Paula Bradley – Yes, Leslie Hash – Yes, Megan Randall - Yes

### **Ordinance 376 Adopting the 2023 - 2024 Property Tax Rate**

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning Ordinance 376 adopting the 2023 - 2024 property tax rate. Leslie Hash made the motion to approve Ordinance 376 as follows: *“I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .74691, which is effectively an 8 percent increase in the tax rate”*. Billy Burks seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Billy Burks – Yes, Paula Bradley – Yes, Debra Haehn – Yes, Leslie Hash – Yes, Megan Randall - Yes

### **Ordinance 377 Amending Water Rates and Solid Waste Fees**

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning Ordinance 377 amending the fee schedule of the Code of Ordinances to include revised water rates and solid waste fees effective October 1, 2023. Billy Burks made the motion to approve Ordinance 377. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

### **2022 2023 Budget Revisions**

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning approval of the 2022-2023 budget revisions. Leslie Hash made the motion to approve the budget revisions. Paula Bradley seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

### **Resolution 467 Atmos RRM**

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning a resolution approving a settlement between the Atmos Steering Committee and Atmos Energy. Paula Bradley made the motion to approve the resolution. Megan Randall seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Billy Burks abstained, Paula Bradley – Yes, Megan Randall – Yes, Debra Haehn – Yes, Leslie Hash - Yes

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Billy Burks moved to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

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Kim Whitsitt, City Secretary

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Jake Truette, Mayor