

City of Archer City

Public Hearing on Tax Increase, Special Called City Council Meeting & Budget Workshop Thursday, September 12, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Archer City, met for a public hearing on tax increase, special called city council meeting and budget workshop on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 116 S. Sycamore, Archer City, Texas.

Call to Order

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

The following Council members were present for roll call:

Mayor	Steven Schroeder
Council Members	Paula Bradley
	Megan Randall
	Billy Burks
	Leslie Hash
	Greg Anderson

Staff present: City Manager – Ronnie Meyer, City Secretary - Kim Whitsitt

Guests Present – Jonathan Nelson, Jordyn Berend, Susie Wallace, Kylie Randall, Karen Aulds, Nathan Lawson

Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Mayor Schroeder convened the Public Hearing on the tax increase at 6:31 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 \$51,381.00 or 8.68% and of that amount \$13,896.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Public Comments

Jordyn Berend addressed Council concerning her campaign for Archer County Attorney.

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, Ambulance, Police – Ronnie Meyer
City Secretary report: Financial Report – Kim Whitsitt
4B report: None

Budget Workshop

Kim Whitsitt led the 2024 2025 budget workshop. 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 2024-2025 FY Budget. Billy Burks made the motion to ratify the property tax rate of .74691 reflected in the proposed 2024-2025 FY Budget that will raise more total property tax revenue than last year’s budget by \$51,381.00 or 8.68%. Paula Bradley seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Billy Burks - Yes, Paula Bradley – Yes, Leslie Hash – Yes, Megan Randall – Yes, Greg Anderson – Yes.

Ordinance 381 Adopting 2024 - 2025 FY Budget

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning Ordinance 381 adopting the 2024-2025 FY Budget. Leslie Hash made the motion to approve Ordinance 381. Megan Randall seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Billy Burks – Yes, Paula Bradley – Yes, Leslie Hash – Yes, Megan Randall – Yes, Greg Anderson - Yes

Ordinance 382 Adopting the 2024 - 2025 Property Tax Rate

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning Ordinance 382 adopting the 2024 - 2025 property tax rate. Billy Burks made the motion to approve Ordinance 382 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*”. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Billy Burks – Yes, Paula Bradley – Yes, Leslie Hash – Yes, Megan Randall – Yes, Greg Anderson - Yes

Ordinance 383 Amending Solid Waste Fees

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning Ordinance 383 amending the fee schedule of the Code of Ordinances to include revised solid waste fees effective October 1, 2024. Billy Burks made the motion to approve Ordinance 383. Paula Bradley seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning approval of the 2023-2024 budget amendments, as follows:

General Fund Budget Increases	
Grant Expense, 01-05-5170	\$36,622.00
Library Misc Expense, 01-25-5470	\$44,217.00
Revenue Fund Budget Increases	
Grant Expense, 02-00-5170	\$29,189.95
Payroll Expense, 02-00-5670	\$57,600.00

Leslie Hash made the motion to approve the budget amendments. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

2023 2024 Budget Revisions

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning approval of the 2023-2024 budget revisions. Paula Bradley made the motion to approve the budget revisions. Leslie Hash 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 7:18 p.m. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Kim Whitsitt, City Secretary

Steven Schroeder, Mayor