



CITY OF TEXARKANA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • AUGUST 31, 2015

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

6:00 PM

**220 TEXAS BLVD.
TEXARKANA, TX 75501**

- I. CALL TO ORDER FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DR. BRIAN MATTHEWS**
- III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bob Bruggeman	Mayor	Present	
Jean H. Matlock	Ward 1	Present	
Willie Ray	Ward 2	Present	
Tina Veal-Gooch	Ward 3	Present	
Brian Matthews	Ward 4	Present	
Christy P. Paddock	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	

IV. PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF THE TAX RATE

1. Ordinance No. 2015-087 adopting the tax rate for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

Public Hearing: August 24, 2015
 Second Briefing: August 31, 2015
 Council Vote: September 14, 2015

Gary Stuedte addressed council concerning property taxes, housing market and growth in Texarkana.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD

Next: 9/14/2015 6:00 PM

V. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened in closed session pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to discuss economic development negotiations or offer of financial or other incentives to business prospects.

VI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

City Council reconvened into open session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(6:30 PM)

Planning and Zoning Commission Workshop immediately to follow.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Willie Ray, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Brian Matthews, Ward 4
AYES:	Matlock, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Matthews, Paddock, Davis
EXCUSED:	Bruggeman

Minutes Finalized - Asst. City Secretary & Mayor



Vicky Coopwood
Asst. City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor

City of Texarkana, Texas

Version: C

Update Date: 8/19/2015 1:59 PM

Briefing Sheet

Lead Department: Finance Department **Action Officer:** Charlie Bassett, CFO
Subject: Ordinance No. 2015-087 adopting the tax rate for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.
Briefing: 9/14/2015 **Public Hearing:** 8/24/2015 **Second Briefing:** August 31, 2015 **Council Vote:** 9/14/2015

Item ScheduleSchedule 1: Brief twice - vote once (six weeks)**Updates/History of Briefing:**

NOT APPLICABLE

Executive Summary and Background Information:

The annual budget was presented to City Council in its regular meeting on July 27, 2015. Budget open house meetings were conducted on August 3, 2015, and a public hearing on the budget will be conducted on August 10, 2015, with a vote on adoption of the budget scheduled on September 14, 2015. The tax rate necessary to fund budgeted expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 is anticipated to be \$.676793 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is increased over last year's rate of \$.669293 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation by \$.0075, the rate increase which is necessary to fund debt service on the radio communications projected currently under consideration. Public posting of the proposed rate will be made in accordance with state requirements, and public hearings on the proposed rate will be held on August 24, 2015 and August 31, 2015, with a vote on adoption proposed on September 14, 2015, after adoption of the annual budget. In the special budget workshop held on August 17, 2015, the City Council directed the tax rate for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 to be \$.669293 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, the same as last year's rate.

Potential Options:

- Adopt the rate as proposed.
- Decline adoption, which would roll the rate back to the prior adopted rate, which is the same as the proposed rate.

Fiscal Implications:

Adoption of the proposed rate will provide adequate funding for expenditures proposed in the annual budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed rate.

Advisory Board/Committee Review:

NONE

City of Texarkana, Texas

Board/Committee Recommendation:

NOT APPLICABLE

Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Date and Minutes:

NOT APPLICABLE

Attachments

- a. 2015-087 ORD Adopting Tax Rate for 09.30.2016-Corrected 08.19.15 (DOC)
- b. 2015-087 Goals & Perspectives (DOCX)
- c. 2015-087 ORD Tax Rate FY 15-16 signed (PDF)

Staff Coordination

Finance Department	Charlie Bassett	Department Head Review	Completed	
	08/07/2015 10:18 AM			
Finance Department	Jennifer Evans	Finance Review	Skipped	08/02/2015
	3:56 PM			
Assistant City Manager		Jennifer Evans	Assistant City Manager	
Review	Skipped	08/02/2015 3:56 PM		
Public Information Officer		Lisa Thompson	PIO Review	Completed
	08/07/2015 10:47 AM			
City Manager	John Whitson	City Manager Review	Completed	08/07/2015
	11:12 AM			
City Council	Jennifer Evans	Meeting	Completed	08/10/2015
	6:00 PM			

Meeting History

08/10/15	City Council	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 08/24/15
08/24/15	City Council	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 08/31/15

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 087

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS, FIXING THE TAX RATE AND LEVY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; MAINTAINING A SINKING FUND TO RETIRE THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE RENDITION AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE LAW; PROVIDING THAT IN THE EVENT ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE BE HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND INVALID SUCH HOLDING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE REMAINING PROVISIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1: There is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, upon all real property situated within the corporate limits of said City of Texarkana, Texas, and on all personal property which was owned within the corporate limits of said City of Texarkana, Texas, on the first day of October, A.D. 2015, except so much thereof as may be exempt by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, a total tax of \$.669293 CENTS on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuations on all of said property, which said total tax is here and now levied respectively as follows:

- a. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$.452287 CENTS on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of said taxable property is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 for the general City purposes to pay the current operating expenses of said City of Texarkana, Texas, for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, which tax, when collected shall be appropriated to and deposited in and to the credit of the General Fund of said City of Texarkana, Texas. 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 4.37 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000.00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$11.84.
- b. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$.018162 CENTS on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of said taxable

property is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 for the operating expenses of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1, for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, which tax, when collected shall be appropriated to and deposited in and to the credit of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Fund of the City of Texarkana, Texas.

- c. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$.198844 CENTS on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of said taxable property is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, for the purpose of maintaining an Interest and Sinking Fund with which to pay the interest and retire the principal of the valid bonded and warrant indebtedness and Certificates of Obligation of the City of Texarkana, Texas, now outstanding, and such tax, when collected, shall be appropriated and deposited in and to the credit of the Interest and Sinking Fund of the said City of Texarkana, Texas.

SECTION 2: Property situated in the City of Texarkana, Texas, shall be rendered and assessed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Texas.

SECTION 3: In the event any provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional and invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED in Regular Council Session on this the **14th day of September, 2015.**

ATTEST:

JENNIFER EVANS, CITY SECRETARY

BOB BRUGGEMAN, MAYOR

City of Texarkana, Texas

Developing Perspectives and Goals Pending Approval by the City Council:

Perspectives	Goals
Serve the Community	☐ Promote an Environmentally Sensitive & Livable Community ☐ Provide a Safe Community ☒ Deliver Quality Services ☐ Foster a Healthy Community
Run the Operations	☐ Enhance Community Preparedness & Responsiveness ☐ Maximize Partnership Opportunities ☐ Provide Courteous & Responsive Customer Service ☐ Model a Positive City Image ☒ Deliver Efficient Services ☐ Cultivate Community Involvement & Access
Manage the Resources	☒ Maintain Fiscal Strength ☒ Maximize Utilization & Resources ☒ Invest in Infrastructure & Transportation
Develop Personnel	☐ Develop a Skilled & Diverse Workforce ☐ Create a Positive & Rewarding Work Culture

Perspectives and Goals Additional Comments:

NONE

Resource Impact:

Staff time required if item is approved: High

Other Potential Impacts:

NONE APPLICABLE

Public Information Plan:

☒ Newspaper Notice (Required by Statute)	☒ Public Hearing (Required by Statute)
☐ Public Forum/Input Session	☒ Press Release
☒ E-News Distribution	☐ Website Notice
☒ Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	☐ Special Mailing
☐ Flyers Posted	☐ Banners Posted
☐ Survey	☐ Automated Phone Call
☐ None Required	☐

Other:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 087

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS, FIXING THE TAX RATE AND LEVY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; MAINTAINING A SINKING FUND TO RETIRE THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE RENDITION AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE LAW; PROVIDING THAT IN THE EVENT ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE BE HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND INVALID SUCH HOLDING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE REMAINING PROVISIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1: There is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, upon all real property situated within the corporate limits of said City of Texarkana, Texas, and on all personal property which was owned within the corporate limits of said City of Texarkana, Texas, on the first day of October, A.D. 2015, except so much thereof as may be exempt by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, a total tax of \$.669293 CENTS on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuations on all of said property, which said total tax is here and now levied respectively as follows:

- a. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$.452287 CENTS on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of said taxable property is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 for the general City purposes to pay the current operating expenses of said City of Texarkana, Texas, for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, which tax, when collected shall be appropriated to and deposited in and to the credit of the General Fund of said City of Texarkana, Texas. 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 4.37 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000.00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$11.84.
- b. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$.018162 CENTS on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of said taxable

property is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 for the operating expenses of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1, for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, which tax, when collected shall be appropriated to and deposited in and to the credit of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Fund of the City of Texarkana, Texas.

- c. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$.198844 CENTS on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of said taxable property is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, for the purpose of maintaining an Interest and Sinking Fund with which to pay the interest and retire the principal of the valid bonded and warrant indebtedness and Certificates of Obligation of the City of Texarkana, Texas, now outstanding, and such tax, when collected, shall be appropriated and deposited in and to the credit of the Interest and Sinking Fund of the said City of Texarkana, Texas.

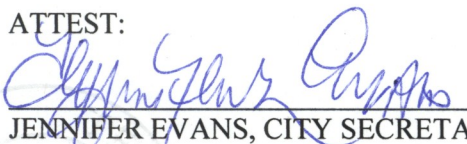
SECTION 2: Property situated in the City of Texarkana, Texas, shall be rendered and assessed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Texarkana, Texas.

SECTION 3: In the event any provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional and invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED in Regular Council Session on this the 14th day of September, 2015.

ATTEST:


JENNIFER EVANS, CITY SECRETARY


BOB BRUGGEMAN, MAYOR

6:39 p.m.