



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Council Chambers**Special Meeting****12:15 PM**

220 TEXAS BLVD.
TEXARKANA, TX 75501

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bob Bruggeman	Mayor	Present	
Jean H. Matlock	Ward 1	Absent	
Mary Hart	Ward 2	Absent	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Alcorn	Ward 4	Absent	
Bill Harp	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	

City Staff: City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kristin Peeples, Alan Bailey, Colten Johnson, and J.W. Bramlett.

Legal Counsel: None.

II. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

1. Ordinance No. 2019-082 fixing the tax rate and levy in and for the City of Texarkana, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 upon all taxable property in the City of Texarkana, Texas.

Public Hearing: August 26, 2019
 Council Vote: September 9, 2019

There were no public comments made at this second public hearing.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD

Next: 9/9/2019 6:00 PM

III. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Bruggeman thanked city staff for providing the 2019-20 fiscal year budget with no increase in the tax rate for Texarkana citizens.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
(12:27 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Bruggeman, Williams, Harp, Davis
ABSENT:	Matlock, Hart, Alcorn



Jennifer Evans
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor

City of Texarkana, Texas

Briefing Sheet

Version:
Update Date: 8/5/2019 4:35 PM

Lead Department: Finance Department **Action Officer:** Kristin Peeples,
Ordinance No. 2019-082 fixing the tax rate and levy in and for the City of
Texarkana, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 upon all
Subject: taxable property in the City of Texarkana, Texas.

Briefing: 9/9/2019 **Public Hearing:** 8/26/2019 **Council Vote:** 9/9/2019

Item Schedule

Schedule 1: Brief twice - vote once (six weeks)

Updates/History of Briefing:

Not Applicable

Executive Summary and Background Information:

The annual budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 was presented to the City Council in a regular meeting on July 8, 2019. A public hearing on the tax rate will be held on August 26, 2019 and again on September 4, 2019, with a vote to adopt the budget and the tax rate for fiscal year 2020 scheduled for September 9, 2019. Staff is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.70 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is equivalent to the current property tax rate. No increase in the property tax rate is proposed. Public posting of the proposed rate will be made in accordance with state requirements.

Potential Options:

- Approve
- Deny

Fiscal Implications:

Adoption of the proposed rate will provide funding for expenditures proposed in the annual budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed rate.

Advisory Board/Committee Review:

Budget Advisory Committee

Board/Committee Recommendation:

Not Applicable

Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Date and Minutes:

July 16, 2019
July 17, 2019
July 18, 2019

City of Texarkana, Texas

Attachments

- a. 2019-082 ORD Adopting Tax Rate for FY 20 (DOC)
- b. 2019-082 ATTH 01 Tax Rate Notice (PDF)
- c. 2019-082 Goals & Perspectives (DOCX)
- d. 2019-082 ORD Fixing the FY 20 Tax Rate signed (PDF)

Staff Coordination

Finance Department	Kristin Peeples	Department Head Review	Completed	
	08/09/2019 8:30 AM			
Finance Department	Kristin Peeples	Finance Review	Completed	08/09/2019
8:31 AM				
City Manager	Shirley Jaster	City Manager Review	Completed	08/09/2019
8:34 AM				
City Council	Jennifer Evans	Meeting	Completed	08/12/2019
6:00 PM				

Meeting History

08/12/19	City Council	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 08/26/19
08/26/19	City Council	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 09/04/19

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-082

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, 2020, 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, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; 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, 2020, 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. 2019, except so much thereof as may be exempt by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, a total tax of \$0.70 CENTS on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of assessed valuations on all 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 \$0.5487 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, 2020, for the general City purposes to pay the current operating expenses 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 0.38 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000.00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$2.65.
- b. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$0.1513 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, 2020, 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 **9th day of September, 2019.**

ATTEST:

JENNIFER EVANS, CITY SECRETARY

BOB BRUGGEMAN, MAYOR

NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF TEXARKANA

A tax rate of \$0.700000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Texarkana. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Texarkana proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of maintaining the current level of city services.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.700000 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.700000 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.697350 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.787911 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Texarkana from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Texarkana may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS
FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Suzanne K. Kinder
Director of Collections
Bowie Central Appraisal District
122A Plaza West
Texarkana, TX 75501
903-793-8936
kkinder@bowieappraisal.org
www.bowieappraisal.com

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 26, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Texas City Hall, 220 Texas Blvd., Texarkana, TX 75501.

Second Hearing: September 4, 2019 at 12:15 pm at Texas City Hall, 220 Texas Blvd., Texarkana, TX 75501.

Attachment: 2019-082 ATTH 01 Tax Rate Notice (2130 : 2019-082 ORD Fixing Tax Rate and Levy for FY 2020)

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: Low

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:

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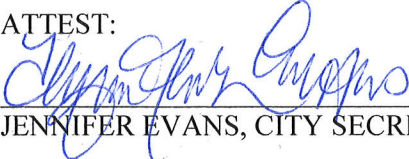
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6:20 p.m.