CITY OF TEXARKANA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

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	Present	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Alcorn	Ward 4	Absent	
Bill Harp	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Absent	

City Staff: City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kyle Dooley, Kristin Peeples, Karey Parker, and Lisa Thompson.

Legal Counsel: None.

II. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Bruggeman welcomed everyone to the special meeting for the second public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 2018-085.

III. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

1. Ordinance No. 2018-085 fixing the tax rate and levy in and for the City of Texarkana, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 upon all taxable property in the City of Texarkana, Texas.

   Public Hearing: August 27, 2018
   Council Vote: September 10, 2018

   There were no public comments made at this hearing.

RESULT:	**MOVED FORWARD**	**Next: 9/10/2018 6:00 PM**

IV. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Mayor stated that the tax rate will remain the same as the current fiscal year. Staff is not proposing a tax increase. He thanked staff and the Budget Advisory Committee for their hard work on fiscal year budget 2019.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
12:19 PM

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Mary Hart, Ward 2
AYES:	Bruggeman, Hart, Williams, Harp
ABSENT:	Matlock, Alcorn, Davis

Jennifer Evans
City Secretary

Bob Bruggeman
Mayor

City of Texarkana, Texas

Version: A

Briefing Sheet

Update Date: 8/9/2018 11:33 AM

Lead Department: Finance Department **Action Officer:** Kristin Peeples,

Subject: Ordinance No. 2018-085 fixing the tax rate and levy in and for the City of Texarkana, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 upon all taxable property in the City of Texarkana, Texas.

Briefing: 9/10/2018 **Public Hearing:** 8/27/2018 **Council Vote:** 9/10/2018

Item Schedule

Schedule 2: Brief once - vote once (two weeks)

Updates/History of Briefing:

Not Applicable

Executive Summary and Background Information:

The annual budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 was presented to the City Council in a regular meeting on July 9, 2018. A public hearing on the tax rate will be held on August 27, 2018 at 6:00 PM and again on September 5, 2018 at 12:15 PM, with a vote to adopt the budget and the tax rate for fiscal year 2019 scheduled for September 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM. 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, 2019.

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:

June 25, 2018
July 5, 2018

City of Texarkana, Texas

July 16, 2018

Attachments

a. 2018-085 ORD Adopting Tax Rate for FY 19 (DOC)
b. 2018-085 ATTH 01 TexarkanaCityad (PDF)
c. 2018-085 Goals & Perspectives (DOCX)

Staff Coordination

Finance Department	Kristin Peeples	Department Head Review	Completed	08/02/2018 3:06 PM
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Deputy City Manager - Review	Kyle Dooley Completed	Kyle Dooley 08/02/2018 5:21 PM	Deputy City Manager	
Public Information Officer		Lisa Thompson	PIO Review	Completed 08/02/2018 5:35 PM
City Manager	Shirley Jaster	City Manager Review	Completed	08/03/2018 2:54 PM
City Council	Jennifer Evans	Meeting	Completed	08/13/2018 6:00 PM

Meeting History

08/13/18	City Council	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 08/27/18
08/27/18	City Council	MOVED FORWARD	Next: 09/05/18

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-085

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, 2019, 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, 2018, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; 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, 2019, 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. 2018, 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 $0.5442 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, 2019, 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 1.18 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A $100,000.00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY $8.18.

b. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of $0.1558 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, 2019, 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

Attachment: 2018-085 ORD Adopting Tax Rate for FY 19 (1894 : 2018-085 ORD Fixing Tax Rate and Levy for FY 2019)

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 **10th day of September, 2018.**

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER EVANS, CITY SECRETARY BOB BRUGGEMAN, MAYOR

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NOTICE OF 2018 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 o 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 th purpose of to maintain 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	$0.691816 per $100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	$0.725134 per $100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City o Texarkana from the same properties in both the 2017 tax year and the 2018 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:

property tax amount= (rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

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

Suzanne K. Kinder
Director of Collections
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 27, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Texas City Hall, 220 Texas Blvd., Texarkana, TX 75501.

Second Hearing: September 5, 2018 at 12:15 PM at Texas City Hall, 220 Texas Blvd., Texarkana, TX 75501.

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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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