

WOODWAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 27, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.

The Woodway City Council met in a special meeting in the Training Room at Woodway City Hall, 922 Estates Drive, Woodway, Texas, on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Mayor:	Amine Qourzal
Mayor Pro Tem:	Absent
Councilmembers:	David Russell, Storey Cook, Gayle Avant, Janell Gilman and John Williams
City Manager:	Shawn Oubre
City Secretary:	Donna Barkley
City Staff:	Lenny Caballero, William Klump, Brenda Hernandez and Khalil El-Halabi
Contract Staff:	Mike Dixon, City Attorney
Registered Guests:	David & Cheryl Keyston, 400 Shadow Mountain Drive, Woodway Phil Reeder, 434 Woodfall Dr., Woodway Dwain Moss, 802 Forest Oaks, Woodway Lori Whitsell, 431 Woodfall Dr., Woodway Barbara Tipton, 416 Woodfall Dr., Woodway

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Qourzal called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

1. INVOCATION

Councilmember Gilman provided the invocation.

ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION

2. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON ADOPTING ORDINANCE 22-03, GRANTING A GENERAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, AND/OR INCREASING THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR THOSE 65 AND OLDER, AND/OR GRANTING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE DISABLED

Mayor Qourzal called for a motion to open this item for discussion. Councilmember Cook moved to open this item for discussion and Councilmember Avant seconded.

Dr. Oubre stated that staff was asked at the last council meeting to research options for discussion of a possible homestead exemption, a disabled exemption and increasing the exemption for 65 and older. He provided information and a table of proposed exemption examples for the Council's review. The current tax rate is 0.470000. The maintenance and operations portion of the tax rate is 0.445378, and the interest and sinking portion of the tax rate is 0.024622. The proposed 2022-2023 tax rate is 0.430000 based on uncertified tax rolls. The reason for the meeting today is the City has a deadline of July 1st to provide the County with the exemptions, if the Council chooses to implement any.

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Questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Dixon, City Attorney, provided that if the Council grants an exemption after a balanced budget is presented, either the tax rate will have to increase to cover shortfall or city services will have to be cut to lower the budget.

The following Woodway citizens were in attendance and spoke regarding taxes and homestead exemptions:

- Phil Reeder, 434 Woodfall, Woodway, TX
- Dave Whitby, 1506 Wandering Trail, Woodway, TX
- Dwain Moss, 802 Forest Oaks Circle, Woodway, TX
- Bruce Hamelin, 1507 Wandering Trail, Woodway, TX

There was a lengthy discussion.

Councilmember Cook moved to adopt Ordinance 22-03, increasing the tax exemption for those 65 and older to \$20,000 and granting a tax exemption for the disabled in the amount of \$20,000. Councilmember Gilman seconded, Mayor Qourzal read aloud the caption of the ordinance as required. Voting in favor: Mayor Qourzal, Councilmember Russell, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember Avant, Councilmember Gilman and Councilmember Williams. The motion passed unanimously by the Councilmembers present.

CLOSING ITEM

3. CONSIDER ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Avant seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Donna Barkley, City Secretary

David Mercer, Mayor Pro Tem