

WOODWAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Budget Work Session – August 8, 2022

The Woodway City Council met in a work session in the Donald J. Baker Council Chambers at Woodway City Hall, 922 Estates Drive, Woodway, Texas on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Mayor: Amine Qourzal
Mayor Pro Tem: Absent
Councilmembers: David Russell, Storey Cook, Janell Gilman and John W. Williams
Absent: Gayle Avant
City Manager: Shawn Oubre
City Secretary: Donna Barkley
Other City Staff: Lenny Caballero, William Klump, Brenda Hernandez, Mitch Davison, John Norman, Bret Crook and Khalil El-Halabi
Contract Staff: None
Registered Guests: Geri Shows, 10011 Stony Point
Lori Whitsell, 431 Woodfall Dr.
Dave Keyston, 400 Shadow Mountain Dr.
Dwain Moss, 802 Forest Oaks Circle
Nancy Goebel, 14009 Horseshoe Circle

Mayor Qourzal called the work session to order at 2:00 p.m. This work session was held for the purpose of discussing the 2022/2023 proposed annual budget. As it was a work session only, no action was taken.

Dr. Oubre provided that the City Council has received a revised proposed budget including the new exemptions which is balanced with a proposed .4300 tax rate.

Dr. Oubre provided information on the following:

- Participation in the McLennan County Health District
- TML Risk Pool liability insurance
- Salary increases
- CPI/COLA increase
- New property added to the tax rolls
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield medical and dental
- WMARRS
- Bluebonnet Water System
- Fuel costs
- Projected sales tax revenue
- New rates for water and sewer as well as adjusted Master Fee Schedule for other fees throughout the City
- No-New-Revenue tax rate – 0.417174
- Voter-Approval tax rate – 0.439648
- Proposed tax rate – 0.4300

Dr. Oubre also provided that there will be a follow-up to all this is at today's regular City Council meeting. You will certify the tax roll and come to a consensus of what you want the tax rate to be. This budget proposes to do the same work as last year as well as the things you have desired added to it. Final adoption of the budget and tax rate is scheduled for August 22nd.

Mayor Qourzal clarified that the proposed budget is balanced. Moving forward with any discussion, the proposed budget includes items that were previously discussed.

Dr. Oubre reminded the Council, that the new exemptions requested are included in this proposed budget and were done without raising the proposed tax rate as the City Council also requested.

There was a lengthy discussion of the Council as to whether there was a possibility of lowering the proposed tax rate.

There was also a discussion to look at moving the sanitation line item from the Revenue side into the Utility Funds.

There was a public comment from Dwain Moss, 802 Forest Oaks Circle, regarding budget increase.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Qourzal canceled the Wednesday budget work session since there will be additional discussion on the proposed budget at tonight's council meeting. The work session ended at 2:47 p.m.

Donna Barkley, City Secretary

Amine Qourzal, Mayor