



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2024

TITLE:

Consider and act on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-31, Authorizing the Issuance of the City of Bastrop, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023; Levying an Ad Valorem Tax and Pledging Certain Surplus Revenues in Support of the Certificates; Approving an Official Statement, a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and Other Agreements Relating to the Sale and Issuance of the Certificates; and Ordaining Other Matters Relating to the Issuance of the Certificates; repealing all ordinances and actions in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Submitted by: Edi McIlwain, Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

During the FY2025 planning sessions and workshops, the City Manager communicated with City Council on the need to issue City of Bastrop, Texas certificates of obligation for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred or to be incurred for constructing, improving, designing, acquiring, including acquiring land, easements and right of way, and equipping the City's: (1) water and waste water system; and (2) payment of professional services in connection therewith including legal, engineering, architectural and fiscal fees (collectively the "Project").

The City Council passed a resolution on June 11, 2024, authorizing and directing the City Secretary to give notice of intention to issue the Certificates. The notice was published on June 19, 2024, and June 26, 2024 in *The Bastrop Advertiser*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City and a "newspaper" as defined in Section 251.044, Government Code.

This issuance will be for \$36.845 million for water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

City Charter Sec. 7.01 – Powers to Issue

In keeping with state law, the City shall have the power to borrow money on the credit of the City for any public purpose not now or hereafter prohibited by state law.

Bond Council has advised that state law supersedes the City Charter in only requiring one reading for a Bond Ordinance.

Issuance Timeline of Competitive Sale:

Sept. 3, 2024	The Preliminary Official Statement is distributed to the bidders
Sept. 10, 2024	The City Council adopts an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the CO's
Sept. 26, 2024	Closing of the sale

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider and act on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-31 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, authorizing the Issuance of the City of Bastrop, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024; Levying an Ad Valorem Tax and Pledging Certain Surplus Revenues in Support of the Certificates; Approving an Official Statement, a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and Other Agreements Relating to the Sale and Issuance of the Certificates; and Ordaining Other Matters Relating to the Issuance of the Certificates; repealing all ordinances and actions in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance No. 2024-31

