



# TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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**DATE** September 5, 2023

**FROM:** Thad Chambers, Town Administrator

**AGENDA ITEM:** Public Hearing to receive comment and to consider the proposed annual budget for the Town of Bartonville for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

The Town is required by Section 102.006 of the Texas Local Government Code to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget. The Town Council is scheduled to take final action on the budget at the September 19, 2023, regular meeting, by adopting the budget by ordinance.

The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget was filed with the Town Secretary on August 18, 2023. The proposed budget is on file for review at Town Hall and the Town's website.

If desired, the Town Council, in accordance with Section 102.007 (b) of the local government code "may make changes to the budget that it considers warranted by the law or by the best interest of the municipal taxpayers."

As required by Section 102.007 of the Local Government Code, which requires that a proposed budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year, must contain a cover page with the following statement in 18-point or larger type: **"This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$117,762 which is a 12.49 percent increase from last year's budget, and of that amount \$24,810 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year."**

During the public hearing on the proposed budget, all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard for or against any item, or the amount of any item, therein contained.

The Town Council held a budget work sessions on July 25, 2023, and on August 15, 2022.

The proposed budget is based on the proposed tax rate of \$0.173646.

Staff has made the following changes to the proposed budget since it was placed on file with the Town Secretary:

- Per Town Council's direction added:
  - Adjusted police salary ranges as well as administrative staff salaries.
- Adjusted to actual costs for insurance benefits.
- Revised the Revenue over Expenditures figure to \$174,851.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget

**RECOMMENDATION:** On August 15, 2023, the Town Council approved to schedule September 19, 2023, for the adoption of the budget. Section 102.006(a) of the Local Government Code requires the municipality to take action at the conclusion of the public hearing on the proposed budget. Typically, municipalities do not adopt the budget on the same day they hear the public comment, however, the governing body must take some sort of action. Staff recommends that the Town Council: **Move to direct staff to prepare an ordinance to adopt the budget for consideration at the September 19, 2023, regular meeting.**