



# Budget Workshop & Public Hearing Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
8301 Westview Drive, Houston, Texas 77055

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## **1. Call to Order** Mayor Buesinger called to order the Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M.

### 1.A. PRESENT

Mayor Bob Buesinger  
Council Member Mike Gordy  
Council Member Justin Crawford  
Council Member Mark Huber  
Council Member Kristi Cooper

### ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Andy Carey

Also Present: Engineer Him, HDR Engineering (virtual), Secretary Stephens

## **2. Public Hearing**

### **2.A. Public Hearing on the Proposed Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 2024**

**Bill Bristow, 1233 Pine Chase Drive**, said three citizens were in attendance and one council member was absent. Mr. Bristow said that he does not want his tax dollars to be spent on lawsuits due to the Wirt Road Sidewalk, street parking accidents, pedestrian accidents, or flooding.

Mayor Buesinger stated that the City has marked No Parking Zones and there was \$30,000 in the 2024 Budget for ditch and ravine maintenance.

### **2.B. Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for 2023**

**A tax rate of \$0.560432 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Hilshire Village**

<b>PROPOSED TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$ 0.560432 per \$100</b>
<b>NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$ 0.551314 per \$100</b>
<b>VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$ 0.560432 per \$100</b>

**The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Hilshire Village from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.**

**The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Hilshire Village may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.**

**The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Hilshire Village is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.**

No comments

### **3. Budget and Tax Rate Workshop**

#### **3.A. Capital Improvements**

Secretary Stephens said that along with priority projects, the Capital Improvement Plan includes \$100,000 for remediation of the stormwater drainage channel at Friarcreek and \$20,000 for maintenance of the stormwater outfall at 1209 Pine Chase Drive.

#### **3.B. Budget and Tax Rate Discussion**

Secretary Stephens said that there was one adjustment to the 2024 Budget since the last presentation to the Council for the police expenses. She said that she has been keeping up with Spring Valley Village's workshops and reduced the line item from \$730,609 to \$669,725.

#### **3.C. Utility Rates - Water, Sewer and Trash**

Secretary Stephens said that the rate for water will increase from \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons. She stated that the sewer rate for residential properties is increasing from \$74 to \$89 bi-monthly and the sewer charge for Holy Cross Church will increase from \$525.94 to \$600 bi-monthly. Secretary Stephens said that the garbage rate for all properties will increase from \$47.14 to \$48.56.

Council Member Cooper asked if there was an update on the pending increased expenses for water testing. The council discussed a negotiation meeting with Inframark to include the City Engineer and a council member to ensure that the City is not overpaying for services.

### **4. Discussion and Possible Action**

#### **4.A. Discussion and possible approval of Ordinance Number 830-2023 amending Appendix "A" Fee Schedule of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hilshire Village, Texas by deleting section 7.200 and replacing with a new section 7.200 establishing new water and trash rates.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX "A" FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HILSHIRE VILLAGE, TEXAS, BY DELETING SECTION 7.200 OF APPENDIX "A" THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SECTION 7.200 OF APPENDIX "A", ESTABLISHING NEW WATER, WATER DEPOSITS, BILLING CHARGES, SANITARY SEWER AND**

**SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

Motion made by Council Member Gordy, Seconded by Council Member Crawford.

Voting Yea: Council Member Gordy, Council Member Crawford, Council Member Huber, Council Member Cooper

The motion passed 4-0.

**4.B. Discussion and possible approval of Ordinance Number 831-2023 adopting the City of Hilshire Village, Texas General Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 2024 in accordance with Section 102.007(c) of the Local Government Code. Adoption of this year's budget will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year.**

Motion made by Council Member Gordy, Seconded by Council Member Huber.

Secretary Stephens said that the ordinance will be updated to include the council members present and their votes.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Gordy	Yea
Council Member Crawford	Yea
Council Member Huber	Yea
Council Member Cooper	Yea

The motion passed 4-0.

**4.C. Discussion and possible action to ratify the proposed property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget in accordance with Section 102.007 (c) of the Local Government Code. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$157,959 OR %9.50, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$43,141 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.**

Motion made by Council Member Gordy, Seconded by Council Member Cooper.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Gordy	Yea
Council Member Crawford	Yea
Council Member Huber	Yea
Council Member Cooper	Yea

The motion passed 4-0.

**5. Announcements** Mayor Buesinger said that the 2023 Tax Rate will be adopted at the Regular Council Meeting on September 19, 2023 @ 6:30 PM.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion made by Council Member Gordy, Seconded by Council Member Huber.

Voting Yea: Council Member Gordy, Council Member Crawford, Council Member Huber,  
Council Member Cooper

The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Robert F. Buesinger, Mayor

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Cassie Stephens, City Secretary