



**City of Azle
Special Meeting Agenda
City Council**

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

July 31, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Council may convene into Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during the meeting for any posted agenda item and may receive advice from its attorney as permitted by law.

Notice is hereby given that one or more Council members may participate in the Tuesday July 31, 2023 Regular Meeting of the City Council via videoconference. A quorum of the governing body and the presiding officer will be present at the above named location.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This is an opportunity for the public to address the City Council on posted agenda items or non-agenda items. In order to address the Council, please complete a Speaker's Request Form and submit to the City Secretary prior to the start of the council meeting. All comments must be directed to the Presiding Officer, rather than an individual council member or city staff. All speakers must refrain from personal attacks toward any individual. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes and must pertain to the subject matter listed on the Speaker's Request Form. Speakers requiring the assistance of a translator shall be provided four (4) minutes. Council may not comment publicly on non-agenda items, but may direct the City Manager to resolve the matter or request the matter be placed on a future agenda. Public comments regarding non-agenda items shall not include any "deliberation" as defined by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, as now or hereafter amended. If you have a subject that may require City Council action, you may obtain a form from the City Secretary and request the item be placed on a future agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider any action proposing a specific Tax Year 2023 ad valorem tax rate to be considered during a public hearing at the August 14, 2023 meeting of the City Council.

Tom Muir, City Manager

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify the above Agenda was posted at City Hall on 07-28-2023, at the City's official bulletin board and is readily accessible to the public at all times in accordance with V.T.C.A. Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

**Yael Forgey,
City Secretary**

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Presenter: Tom Muir, City Manager

Agenda Item: Consider any action proposing a specific Tax Year 2023 ad valorem tax rate to be considered during a public hearing at the August 14, 2023 meeting of the City Council.

Background and Explanation:

State law requires when a taxing entity's proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the no-new-revenue tax rate (\$0.5397410) or the voter-approval tax rate (\$0.5535492) the governing body must take a recorded vote on the proposal to adopt the rate ahead of the required public hearing. The current tax rate is \$0.623426.

Changes to state law in 2020 introduced another component to the tax-rate setting process for cities with a population under 30,000 - the de minimis tax rate. As you will recall, the de minimis tax rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for the City (\$0.4897372), the rate that will raise \$500,000 (\$0.0324660), and the debt rate for the City (\$0.0466712). This year's de minimis rate is \$0.5688744.

A public hearing on the proposed rate has been scheduled for August 14, 2023. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at Azle City Hall, 505 W Main Street, Azle TX 76020. Notice of the public hearing is scheduled to be published in the *Tri-County Reporter* on August 3, 2023.

Recommended motion to propose the de minimis rate:

"I move to propose a tax rate of \$0.5688744 as the City's Tax Year 2023 tax rate to be considered at the public hearing scheduled for August 14, 2023."

Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A.

Staff Recommendation:

Establish a public hearing date of August 14, 2023 to hear public comment on the proposed tax rate for the 2023 Tax Year.

Attachments:

None