

# **Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes**

## **Special Meeting**

### **Tuesday, August 30, 2022**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

#### **COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Barry L. Gordon  
Councilmember At-Large Patrick Harvey  
Mayor Pro Tem Joe Veracruz  
Councilmember Don McBurnett  
Councilmember Jeremy Koontz  
Councilmember Karen Cherry  
Councilmember Greg Contreras

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

In accordance with an Order of the Office of the Governor issued on March 16, 2020, as extended, the City Council for the City of Duncanville, Texas will conduct a City Council Regular Meeting in person and by video conference at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") in an effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

*This is an open meeting conducted by in person and video conference.*

Due to limited seating in council chambers, persons or participants may attend by video conference in order to maintain safe social distance as provided in this notice.

To view the live meeting or previous meetings click on the link below.

<https://duncanvilletx.new.swagit.com/views/454/>

To submit a comment via email the following information is required:

- Submit a comment by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.
- Email [citysecretary@duncanville.com](mailto:citysecretary@duncanville.com)
- Email title: Public Comment – August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- First and Last Name; and address

#### **I. REGULAR SESSION**

The City Council convened into Regular Session in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gordon presiding.

Councilmember Veracruz delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

##### **I.1. CITIZENS' INPUT**

***"Pursuant to Section 551.007 of the Texas Gov't Code, any member of the public has the opportunity to address the City Council concerning any matter of public business or any posted agenda item; however, the Act prohibits the City Council from deliberating any issues not on the public agenda and such non-agenda issues may be referred to City staff for research and any future action; all persons addressing are subject to council adopted rules and limitations permitted by law" At this time, two-minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. To address the Council, please submit a fully-completed request card to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Input portion of the Council meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council cannot discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Issues may be referred to City Staff for research and possible future action.***

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Mayor Gordon read the item into record. The following spoke during the Citizens Input Period:

Tedra Williams, 866 Astaire Avenue - spoke on the budget.

Bonnie Cook, 554 Johnson – submitted a comment on the budget.

Gary Bennett, 215 Calder Ave – submitted a comment on Chief of Police and cat leash laws.

Vicki and John Fewel, 1307 High Ridge Drive – submitted a comment on speeding cars and gas meters.

Gilbert Cavello, 703 San Juan Drive – submitted a comment on the budget.

Celina Lazaro, 407 Charlotte Street – submitted a comment on crime.

Morayma Cavello, 703 San Juan Drive – submitted a comment on water bills.

Daniel T Escalante, 114 N Forest, Lane – submitted a comment on water rates.

Misty Bain, 102 Walnut Street – submitted a comment on the budget.

Patricia Ebert, 115 South Greenstone – submitted a comment on the budget.

Tedra Williams, 866 Astaire Avenue – submitted a comment about speeding and noise.

Mona Dunkelman, no address – submitted a comment on crime.

Royce Milam, 623 South Alexander Avenue - spoke on hazardous materials.

Erika Browning, - submitted a comment in opposition of Items 2A, 2B, and 2C.

I.2. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

I.2.A. ***Consider an Ordinance approving and adopting a budget for the City for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year shall be made in accordance with said Budget and ratifying the revised budget FY 2021-2022 Budget (Section 7 of the attached ordinance).***  
Chief Innovation Officer Otey presented the item.

| BUDGET ENHANCEMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| NON-PERSONNEL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | PERSONNEL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | COUNCIL REQUESTED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Purchase New and Replacement Recreation Equipment</li><li>• Outdoor Project Screen for Movies in the Park</li><li>• Upgrade Senior Center Sound Equipment</li><li>• Upgrade City-wide Security</li><li>• Purchase additional Library Material (Books and Media)</li><li>• Electronic Certificate of Occupancy Application and Processing System</li><li>• Enhances and Additional Recreational Programs</li><li>• Field Bleachers, goals, and trash barrels replacement</li><li>• Meter Replacement Fund</li><li>• Back-up Generators</li><li>• Shared Fire Truck blocking apparatus</li><li>• Police Flock Cameras</li><li>• Police Speed Trailers</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Merit Increase (January up to 2%)</li><li>• Cost of Living Adjustment (3-5%)</li><li>• Employee Fuel Stipend</li><li>• Fire Inspection Program (Off-duty pay for staff to conduct inspections)</li><li>• Additional Positions<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assistant Police Chief</li><li>• Management Fellow</li><li>• Budget and Grant Analyst</li><li>• Communication Specialist</li><li>• Customer Service Advocate (1 Full-time and 2 Part-Time)</li><li>• Technical Services Librarian</li><li>• Neighborhood Services Administrative Assistant</li><li>• Special Events Managers (HOT Funded)</li><li>• Deputy Fire Marshal</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Central Dog Park</li><li>• Additional Recreation Center Entertainment Equipment Replacement</li><li>• Establishing a Conservation Fund for Donations</li><li>• Fire Inspection Incentive Program for existing staff</li><li>• Additional Outdoor Fitness Equipment in Quail Run Park</li><li>• Communication Specialist</li><li>• Walking trail under powerline on Clark</li><li>• Committed Revenue stream for sidewalks (Alcohol Beverage Tax)</li></ul> |

FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 All FUND SUMMARY

\$37,763,239

\$37,386,658

\$376,581

General Fund



\$19,225,466

\$19,208,367

\$17,099

Utility Fund



\$4,726,656

\$4,699,211

\$27,445

Sanitation Fund



\$2,007,969 \*

\$1,732,430

\$275,539

Drainage Fund



\$7,892,637 \*

\$3,785,328

\$4,107,309

DCEDC Fund



\$891,500

\$828,124

\$63,376

Hotel/Motel Fund



\$96,958

\$82,250

\$14,708

TIF Fund



\$2,031,975

\$1,959,580

\$72,395

Fieldhouse Fund



\* Fund Balance included with new revenue. Covers projects crossed over from previous fiscal year or to utilize existing balance to cover the needs of the fund.

FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 All FUND SUMMARY

\$2,170,604 \*

\$1,484,600

\$686,004

005 - Debt Service Fund



\$152,493

\$143,200

\$9,293

410 - IT Replacement Fund



\$1,058,684 \*

\$711,200

\$347,484

008 - Liability / Workers Compensation Fund



\$198,562 \*

\$116,984

\$57,093

050 - Asset Forfeiture



\$1,004,927

\$913,927

91,000

410 - Fleet Replacement



\$5,055,801

\$3,967,367

\$1,088,434

758 - American Rescue Plan Act ARPA



\$858,703 \*

\$627,267

\$231,436

020 - Street CIP



\$494,393 \*

\$279,943

\$214,450

025 - Alley CIP



\$7,001,000

\$6,170,164

830,836

017 - Utilities CIP



\$10,944,116 \*

\$9,525,000

\$1,319,116

026 - Capital Improvement CIP



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NO-NEW-REVENUE vs PROPOSED TAX RATE

| Description                 | Tax Rate | Difference from Proposed Rate | Total Property Tax Revenue @ 99% Collection Rate | Difference   | General Fund Impact |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Proposed Tax Revenue        | 0.650460 | 0.000000                      | \$21,378,209                                     | \$0          | \$0                 |
| Estimated Tax Revenue @ NNR | 0.599304 | -0.051156                     | \$19,696,840                                     | -\$1,681,369 | -\$1,681,369        |

| AVERAGE TAXABLE VALUES | TAX RATE | AVG City Portion Annual Amount | Annual Difference @ Proposed Rate \$0.650460 | Annual Difference @ Current Rate \$0.700000 | Annual Difference @ NNR \$0.599304 |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2021 - \$173,715       | 0.700000 | \$1,216.01                     |                                              |                                             |                                    |
| 2022 - \$207,110       | 0.650460 | \$1,347.17                     | + \$131.16                                   | +\$233.76                                   | +\$25.21                           |

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion:

I move the proposed budget for the City of Duncanville for Fiscal Year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023; providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year shall be made in accordance with said Budget, be adopted.

Councilmember At-Large Patrick Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against. Item passed.

- I.2.B. Consider an Ordinance Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Year 2022 at a rate of \$0.650460 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Corporate limits of the City as of January 1, 2022, to provide revenues for current expenses and interest and sinking fund requirements; providing for due and delinquent dates together with penalties and interest.**

Councilmember At-Large Patrick Harvey made a motion:

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.650460, which is effectively an 8.54 percent increase in the tax rate.

Councilmember Don McBurnett seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against. Item passed.

- I.2.C. Consider an Ordinance ratifying the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget which raises more revenue from property tax than in the previous year.**

Chief Innovation Officer Otey presented the item.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the item as stated, Councilmember At-Large Patrick Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

- I.2.D. Consider an Ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Master Fee Schedule, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".**

Chief Innovation Officer Otey presented the item.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the item as stated, Councilmember At-Large Patrick Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

## **II. ADJOURNMENT**

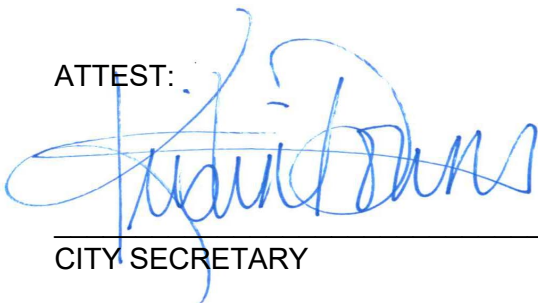
The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY