

City Council Special Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2023

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNDAY, TEXAS MET ON THIS DAY IN Special SESSION IN THE MUNDAY CITY HALL AT 6:00 PM. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Council Person Smith, Council Person Singleton and Council Person Torres.

City Staff present was David Trevino and Chris Mendoza

There were no public comments at this time.

Open the Public Hearing on 2023 City Tax Rate

Council Person Singleton made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the City of Munday Tax Rate and Council Person Smith seconded. All present were in favor.

Proposed 2023 City Tax Rate

The current Tax Rate is 1.13779000; a calculation sheet was presented to the council to review. 5% of people don't pay their taxes so the sheet factors that in. The council has the option raise, lower or keep the tax rate the same. The state will possibly be lowering the state property tax rate within the next year. Keeping the tax rate at the current rate will help with the revenue that will be lost if the state lowers the state tax rate. Council Person Smith made a motion to keep the tax rate at 1.13779000 and Council Person Singleton seconded. All present were in favor.

2023 Proposed Enterprise Budget

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is raising the rates 5 cents per 1,000 gallons starting October 1, 2023. David Trevino is hoping the percentage of water usage has gone down for the City of Munday from the Water Authority. All the major water leaks have been fixed so we are hoping that helps bring down the charge. The water, sewer and garbage rates will remain the same for a year to see what happens.

2023 Proposed Operating Budget

David has looked into ways to provide an increase even if it's a small increase for the full time employees one option is for the City of Munday to pay more on the employee health insurance. The employees would pay less and get an estimated \$1,029 back for the year to each employee. This is already included in the budget. Sales Tax: other cities of similar size were contacted including Lorenzo and Paducah Tx don't have EDC A OR B Board, Crowell and Knox City Tx have no B Board. It seems as though most cities are operating with no B Board. The Munday B Board only meets when they have requests but they should be having quarterly meetings. Other towns are doing council approving authority to the A Board to do B Board projects and the funding of the B Board will have to be voted on if the council decides not to fund. Another question will be what to do with the funds that are currently in the account and the City could get ¼ cent back into the City fund. Salaries: Municipal Court- David would like to add \$1,000 to the yearly total; she's doing a good job. Police Chief- in 2017 was making \$42,000, in 2018 \$48,000 and he didn't receive a raise for 6-8 years prior, and last year he worked alone and was raised to \$53,000. The Government is going to subsidize counties to bring in deputies to the

rural areas. We are currently not sure but were told the starting rate could be around \$62,500. The City does not get subsidized and can't come close to that, Chris Mendoza would like an increase; he was approached by the County to work for them. The council doesn't think that it can come close to offering the amount the county is offering but could offer \$57,000 to Chris Mendoza. Now having another officer working hopefully more work on ordinances can be done. Council Person Singleton would like to see about the pool opening prior to school being out to allow the school to take the kids before school ends.

Close Public Hearing on 2023 Tax Rate

Council Person Singleton made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2023 City Tax Rate and Council Person Smith seconded. All present were in favor.

Mayor Bowen adjourned the meeting at 6:56 P.M.

ATTEST

David Trevino, City Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Bowen", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Bowen, Mayor