

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
& SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ODEM, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Odem will meet at the Odem Public Library, 516 Voss Avenue, Odem, Texas at 7:00 p.m. in a **PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL CALL MEETING** on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, and the following matter will be the subject of the **SPECIAL CALL MEETING**:

1. CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING (Continued from September 12, 2023)

2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- A. Declare a quorum.
- B. Pledge the Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas Flag
- C. Public Comments – Citizens to be heard – **PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES. A PERSON SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ASSIGN THE THREE (3) MINUTES TO ANYONE ELSE.**

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- A. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding the following issues related to the adoption of a budget for FY 2023-24:
 - 1. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution approving Fiscal & Budgetary Policies for the City
 - i. To establish cash reserves, equal to 25% of budgeted annual operating expenditures for General Fund and System (Utility) Fund.
 - 2. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution changing monthly fees charged to users of solid waste services as contained in “Exhibit #1” Fee Schedule of the Odem Code of Ordinances.
 - 3. Deliberate and take appropriate action on an Ordinance changing the water and sewer base and volume rates as contained in Exhibit #1 Fee Schedule of the Odem Code of Ordinances.
 - 4. Deliberate and take appropriate action to adopt fiscal 2023-2024 Annual City Budget, take record vote.
- B. Discuss, consider, and take action to adopt a tax rate, with the following language included in the resolution;

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.50 PERCENT AND WILL DECREASE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-44.21.

The vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate must be a record vote and 60% of the governing body must vote in favor of the adoption of the tax rate. A motion to adopt the ordinance, resolution, or order must be made with the following form:

"I move that the property tax revenues be increased by the adoption of a M&O tax rate of \$0.525385, an I&S tax rate of \$0.015274/100, for a total tax rate of \$0.540659/100, which is effectively a -5.23 percent decrease in the tax rate."

- C. Discuss, consider, and take action to authorize the Mayor to accept insurance policies scheduled to renew in October for Texas Municipal League (TML) and Windstorm Insurance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to Sec. 551.074 of the Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters:

- D. Agreement with Attorney Epimenio Ysassi

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

- E. Discuss, consider and take action on agreement with Attorney Epimenio Ysassi.

3. REPORTS:

- F. Reports from Mayor, City Council and Staff may be given, but no formal action can be taken.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn

NOTE: The City of Odem reserves the right to recess into executive session concerning any of the items on this agenda whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



MAYOR

I, David Maldonado, Mayor, certify that the above notice of the Public Hearing & Special Call Meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall of the City of Odem, Texas on September 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.



MAYOR

