

City Council Special Meeting  
September 3, 2024

A City Council special meeting was held on the above date at Cameron City Hall, McLane Municipal Center, 100 South Houston Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cameron, Texas with all officers and members present except Council Members Pratt and Vaculin.

Mayor Fuchs called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Deal offered the invocation.

Council Member Harris led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Fuchs asked for citizen's comments.

There were no citizens comments.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the August 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Fuchs opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on a special use permit application for a 15-foot front yard variance to place an attached carport at 1605 North Cleveland Avenue.

Code Enforcement Officer Ricky McCall reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend denial of the variance since it exceeded the allowed variance. According to our ordinance, a 40% variance is all that is allowed.

Jason Dohnalik, representing EBCO Construction, clarified that the property owner was only requesting a 10-yard front variance which would be within the parameters. There was a misunderstanding on the form.

Mayor Fuchs closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

Council Member Deal moved to table this item until new letters can be sent out with the corrected information. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Community Members would like to hold a Community Gospel Explosion at the Park on MLK Boulevard on September 21, 2024 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Council Member Cryer moved to approve the request. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Rachel Owens, Executive Director of CASA of Milam County, presented information for the Tast of Milam fundraising event that will occur on September 14, 2024. No action is needed on this item.

Officer Amanda Duncan, representing the Cameron Police Department, requested permission to hold National Night Out on October 1, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cameron Police Department.

Council Member Harris moved to approve the request. Council Member Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Deal moved to table the appointment of the Planning and Zoning Commission member. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the following Ordinance on its second and final reading. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09-03-012**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS, ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN, REVISED JUNE 2024 (HEREINAFTER CALL PLAN) AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING FOR A DATE THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE.**

Mayor Fuchs read the first reading of the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS.**

**WHEREAS**, the electorate of the City of Cameron, Texas, adopted a Charter at an election called for the purpose, which became effective the first Tuesday in April, 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 127 of this Charter dictates that a newspaper published in the City of Cameron in the English language be declared as the official newspaper of the City each fiscal year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMERON, TEXAS:**

That the official newspaper of the City of Cameron, Texas for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 is hereby declared to be

**Central Texas Publishing, LP  
Db a "The Cameron Herald"  
108 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Cameron, TX 76520**

Mayor Fuchs read the first reading of the following ordinance:

**CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025  
ANNUAL BUDGET**

MAYOR  
Nathan Fuchs

MAYOR PRO-TEM  
Kyle Deal

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Barbara Dominguez  
Jeremy Vaculin

Kyle Deal  
Jimmy Pratt  
Cliff Cryer

CITY MANAGER  
Ricky Tow

CITY SECRETARY/FINANCE OFFICER  
Amy Harris

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which is a \_\_\_\_\_% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

City Council Record Vote

The members of the governing body voted on the adoption of the budget as follows:

FOR:

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Tax Rate	Proposed FY 2024-2025	Adopted FY 2024-2025
Property Tax Rate	\$.659373	
No-New Revenue Tax Rate	\$0.625293	
Voter-Approval Tax Rate	\$0.641389	
M & O Tax Rate	\$0.493979	
Debt Rate	\$0..165394	

The total amount of municipal debt obligation secured by property taxes for the City of Cameron is \$515,193.94.

Mayor Fuchs read the first reading of the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cameron, Texas, approved the municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that an ordinance be passed levying an ad valorem tax on all property, both real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Cameron, Texas in accordance with such budget and the Texas Tax Code;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cameron was required to hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate and did such on September 16, 2024.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** There is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the maintenance and operation of the municipal government of the City of Cameron (herein the "City") and to provide an amount described by Texas Tax Code Section 26.04(e)(3)(C) for the 2024/2025 fiscal year, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City on January 31, 2025 subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.659373 on each \$100.00 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

1. For the maintenance and operation of the general government (General Fund), \$0.493979 on each \$100.00 valuation of property; and
2. For the interest and sinking fund, \$0.165394 on each \$100.00 valuation of property

**Section 2.** That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2024 and if not paid on or before January 31, 2025, and if then not paid, shall be delinquent and subject to penalties and interest in the manner provided by law.

**Section 3.** All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the Milam County Tax Office as the assessor and collector of the City is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City, and shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the general fund of the City. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from date of delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

**Section 4.** As required by Texas Tax Code section 26.05, the following statements are provided:

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 0 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.

The City Secretary is directed to post the applicable information regarding taxes on the City's Internet website.

**Section 5.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its second and final reading.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the expenditures for August 17, 2024 through August 30, 2024. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

There following expenditures exceeded \$25,000.00:

- CEDC \$47,002.23
- BOK Financial \$87,223.75

The Mayor and Council began reviewed the 2024-2025 proposed budget. Mayor and Council decided to fund take home vehicles for Police Officers that live within 10 miles of Cameron. Health insurance renewal rates came in at a 13.3% increase which is reflected in the proposed budget. Our broker was working on getting that reduced.

The deficit in the Water Revenue fund is concerning and will be looked at closer throughout the next two weeks. All additional funds were reviewed.

There being no other business to consider, Council Member Deal moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.