

City Council Regular Meeting
September 16, 2024

A City Council regular meeting was held on the above date at Cameron City Hall, McLane Municipal Center, 100 South Houston Avenue, 3rd Floor, Cameron, Texas with all officers and members present.

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.

Clementine Ray requested assistance with overgrown weeds along the railroad tracks from West 4th Street to West 12th Street.

There were no other citizens comments.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the September 3, 2024 special meeting minutes. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Fuchs opened the public hearing at 5:33 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on 2024-2025 proposed City of Cameron budgets.

City Manager Ricky Tow reviewed the revenues and expenditures for each Fund.

Virgie Hardeman asked if the budget was balanced.

Mayor Fuchs confirmed all funds were balanced except for the General Fund which showed a excess of revenue.

Mayor Fuchs closed the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

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Cameron Economic Development Director Ginger Watkins reviewed the Cameron Economic Development Corporation budget.

Mayor Fuchs closed the public hearing at 5:40 p.m.

Mayor Fuchs opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on the 2024-2025 proposed tax rate.

City Manager Ricky Tow proposed the same rate as our current rate of \$0.659373. M & O rate will be \$0.493979 and I & S rate will be \$0.165394.

Virgie Hardeman asked for clarification of the M & O rate.

Mayor Fuchs closed the public hearing at 5:41 p.m.

Mayor Fuchs recommended nominating Neal Bahtka to serve on the Cameron Economic Development Corporation for another two year term.

Council Member Harris moved to appoint Neal Bahtka for a two-year term. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Fuchs nominated Lindsey Culpepper to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission until term expires.

Council Member Deal moved to appoint Lindsey Culpepper to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Member Vaculin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Cryer moved to approve the RAMP grant program contract with the Texas Department of Transportation. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

City Secretary Amy Harris presented the auditing contract services for 2024, 2025 and 2026. Don Allman, CPA was the only bid received.

Council Deal moved to approve the auditing contract services for 2024, 2025 and 2026 to Don Allman, CPA. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A request was made to close Main Street in front of the antique store to Fannin Avenue on September 21, 024 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Council Member Cryer approve the street closure. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Dominguez abstaining.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09-16-013

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09-16-014
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 \$67,700 which is a 2.97% increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$41,171.41.

City Council Record Vote

The members of the governing body voted on the adoption of the budget as follows:
FOR: Council Members Deal, Harris, Cryer, Vaculin, Pratt and Dominguez
AGAINST: N/A
PRESENT and not voting: N/A
ABSENT: N/A

Tax Rate	Proposed FY 2024-2025	Adopted FY 2024-2025
Property Tax Rate	\$0.659373	\$0.659373
No-New Revenue Tax Rate	\$0.625293	\$0.625293
Voter-Approval Tax Rate	\$0.641389	\$0.641389
M & O Tax Rate	\$0.493979	\$0.493979
Debt Rate	\$0.165394	\$0.165394

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

Council Member Deal moved to approve the following ordinance with corrections on its second and final reading. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09-16-015

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.

Council Member Pratt moved to approve the expenditures for August 31, 2024 through September 13, 2024. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

There following expenditures exceeded \$25,000.00:

- Waste Connection \$41,360.17
- Alpha One Chevrolet \$41,419.31
- Cameron Country Dodge \$52,663.00
- Cameron Country Dodge \$61,139.00
- Karl Klement Ford \$49,199.62
- City of Cameron – CVFD Res \$33,000.00
- TMRS \$44,715.75

Council Member Pratt moved to approve the August 2024 Financial Report. Council Member Vaculin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AUGUST 2024

91.00%

General Revenues	\$4,558,292.54	90.1	HOT Revenues	\$234,569.24
EXPENSES			HOT Expenses	\$33,489.30
Street Dept	\$834,267.06	76.07	HOT Profit	\$201,079.94
Code Enf	\$58,551.54	41.2		
Fire Dept	\$350,309.97	98.37	LIB Revenues	\$19,293.22
Police Dept.	\$1,135,779.54	78.94	LIB Expenses	\$16,662.79
			LIB	
Court	\$58,820.76	72.69	Profit	\$2,630.43
Library	\$94,433.33	86.23		
Other Operating Exp	\$644,555.48	102.42	Fire Revenues	\$155,928.84
Cemetery & Parks	\$135,508.83	102.97	Fire Expenses	\$54,349.86
Administration	\$374,735.03	84.21	Fire Profit	\$101,578.98
Swimming Pool	\$43,627.71	120.85		
Debt Service	\$517,848.97	100.06		
Animal Control	\$61,149.16	81.08	TWDB-DWSRF-LF1000534	
Total Expenses	\$4,309,587.38	85.18	DWSRF Rev	\$30,504.42
			DWSRF Exp	\$0.00
GF Fund Profit/Loss	\$248,705.16		Project Balance	\$30,504.42
Water & Sewer Revenues	\$2,873,515.18	85.14	TWDB-DWSRF-L1000517	
EXPENSES			DWSRF Rev	\$178,722.11
Water Maintenance	\$721,507.09	86.94	DWSRF Exp	\$176,395.91
Water Treatment	\$498,312.92	116.26	Project Balance	\$2,326.20
Sewer Treatment	\$271,329.71	81.86		
W & S Administration	\$707,768.50	80.58	TWDB-CWSRF-L1000516	
Bond Retirement	\$972,132.80	107.2	CWSRF Rev	\$2,160.51
Total Expenses	\$3,171,051.02	93.95	CWSRF Exp	
			Project Balance	\$2,160.51
Water & Sewer Profit/Loss	-\$297,535.84			
Airport Revenues	\$239,016.46	122.57	TWDB-CWSRF-LF1000523	
Airport Expenses	\$149,984.67	114.97	CWSRF Rev	\$93,430.00
Airport Profit/Loss	\$89,031.79		CWSRF Exp	\$93,430.00
			Project Balance	\$0.00
2018 CDBG #7217049			CDBG #7219061	
CDBG Revenues	\$1,500.00		CDBG Revenues	\$11,873.53
CDBG Expenses	\$0.00		CDBG Expenses	\$0.00
Project Balance	\$1,500.00		Project Balance	\$11,873.53

PD Revenues	\$27,322.37
PD Expenses	\$5,323.98
PD Profit	\$21,998.39

There being no other business to consider, Council Member Deal moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.