



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM

City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas

AGENDA

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Sweeny will meet in **Special Session** on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda. Council is conducted under modified Roberts Rules of Order as approved by Resolution 102-16; July 19, 2016. In accordance with Chapter §551 of the Texas Government Code, if required, the Council may conduct an executive session on any of the agenda items provided the City Attorney is present.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

This item is available for those citizens wishing to address City Council on an issue not on the agenda. Any item discussed cannot be voted on but could be considered for placement on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting. Limited to three (3) minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Public Hearing on proposed property tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

A tax rate of \$0.607158 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF SWEENY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.607158 per \$100

NO- NEW REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.516525 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.607158 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF SWEENY from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF SWEENY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF SWEENY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 12, 2023 AT 6:00PM AT Sweeny City Hall; 102 W Ashley Wilson Road, Sweeny, Texas 77480.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF SWEENY is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of CITY OF SWEENY at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property Tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

For the Proposal: Reese Cook, Brian Brooks

Against: Mark Morgan Jr.

Absent: John Rambo, Tim Pettigrew

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF SWEENY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF SWEENY this year.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.730954	\$0.607158	decrease of -0.123796, or -16.94%
Average homestead taxable value	\$150,593	\$151,363	increase of 770, or 0.51%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,100.77	\$919.01	decrease of -181.76, or -16.51%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,426,740	\$1,578,636	increase of 151,896, or 10.65%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF SWEENY at (979) 864- 1320 or taxoffice@brazoriacountytx.gov, or visit <https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/tax-office> for more information.

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 RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-148.96.

2. Public Hearing Date on the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$151,896, which is a 10.65% increase from last year's budget, and of that amount, \$6,967 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Discussion/ Possible Action to Adopt the Proposed Budget by Ordinance for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, per the Texas Government Code Sec. 102.007
4. Discussion/ Possible Action to Adopt the Tax Rate and Ordinance adopting the Tax Rate for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

I certify that the notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Sweeny City Council on **September, 12, 2023** was posted on the City Hall bulletin board on the _____ day of September, 2023, at approximately _____am/pm.

Kaydi Smith – City Secretary

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was removed from the City Hall bulletin board on _____, 2023 at approximately _____am/pm.

Kaydi Smith - City Secretary