



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 4:00 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 10, 2024 at 4:00 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 the annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$141,821, which is a 9.17% increase from last year's budget, and of that amount, \$29,109 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

2. Public Hearing on proposed property tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025

A tax rate of \$0.635481 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF SWEENY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.635481 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.590401 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.612235 per \$100

DE MINIMIS RATE \$0.782310 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same

amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF SWEENY from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 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, unless the de minimis rate for CITY OF SWEENY exceeds the voter-approval rate for CITY OF SWEENY.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for CITY OF SWEENY, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for CITY OF SWEENY.

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 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 10, 2024 AT 4:00PM AT Sweeny City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Road, Sweeny, Texas 77480.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate and does not exceed the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If CITY OF SWEENY adopts the proposed tax rate, the CITY OF SWEENY is not required to hold an election so that voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate and the qualified voters of the CITY OF SWEENY may not petition the CITY OF SWEENY to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate.

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: Neal Bess Jr., Reese Cook, Brian Brooks, John Rambo

AGAINST the proposal: Caniel "Shaun" Massey

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Dusty Hopkins

ABSENT: None

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.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) or 4.66%	\$0.607158	\$0.635481	increase of 0.028323 per \$100,

Average homestead taxable value	\$151,363	\$164,938	increase of 8.97%
Tax on average homestead	\$919.01	\$1,048.15	increase of 129.14, or 14.05%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,546,902	\$1,688,723	increase of 141,821, or 9.17%

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.

THIS TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 8.00 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000.00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$28.41.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt the proposed annual Budget by Ordinance for the 2024 / 2025 Fiscal Year, LGC §102.007; *MUST BE A RECORD VOTE*, Motion must be: **To approve the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Budget and approving the City Ordinance, 24-106, adopting the municipal budget for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year.**
4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Tax Rate and Ordinance adopting the Tax Rate for the 2024 / 2025 Fiscal Year. *MUST BE A RECORD VOTE*. Motion must be: **I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.635481, which is effectively an 7.64% percent increase in the tax rate, and approving Ordinance 24-107, adopting the tax rate of \$0.635481 per \$100 valuation for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year.**
5. Discussion and possible action to First State Bank Authorized Signers

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071, 551.072 AND 551.074

The City Council will now convene into executive session pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained therein:

6. Deliberation of personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Interim City Manager

OPEN SESSION

The City Council will now adjourn Executive Session, reconvene into Open Session pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code and take action, if any, on item(s) discussed during Closed Executive Session.

7. Action, if any, on item discussed during Closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberations of personnel matters

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 10, 2024** was posted on the City Hall bulletin board on September 06, 2024, at approximately _____PM.

Kaydi Smith, City Secretary

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was removed from the City Hall bulletin board on _____, 2024 at approximately _____.

Kaydi Smith, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 24-106

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SWEENY, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS,
ADOPTING A MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 2024-2025, AND FINDING FACT.

WHEREAS, a proposed municipal budget was filed with the City Secretary of the City of Sweeny, Texas, in the manner and the time required by law; and

WHEREAS, due and legal notice of a hearing on said budget was given in the manner and time required by law by publication in the official newspaper of said City of a notice that a hearing on the adoption of such proposed budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 was to be held at the City of Sweeny, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M. on the 10th day of September, 2024:

WHEREAS, the Mayor called the hearing to order, and requested that anyone desiring to speak on the matter of adopting such budget, and after hearing such persons appearing thereon, requested the opinions of the City Council and comments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is now convened in its Regular Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE (1):

The recitals of fact and findings above are found to be true and correct.

SECTION TWO (2):

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, is hereby adopted by the City Council as the official budget of said City of Sweeny, Texas, for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$141,821 which is a 9.17% increase from last year's budget, and of that amount, \$29,109 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

SECTION THREE (3):

A copy of the said official budget shall be filed with the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, and with any other agency of the State of Texas, with whom such budget is required by law to be filed.

SECTION FOUR (4):

This budget was adopted prior to the establishment of any tax rate for the City of Sweeny, Texas, for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this the ____ day of _____,
A. D. 2024.

DUSTY HOPKINS, MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

KAYDI SMITH, CITY SECRETARY,
CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 24-107

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEENY, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A TAX RATE FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF SWEENY CITY LIMITS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR A. D. 2024-2025; FINDING FACT; PROVIDING FOR A DATE FOR DELINQUENCY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND ATTORNEY'S FEES.

WHEREAS, the appropriate city officials of the City of Sweeny, Brazoria County, Texas, in the manner and time required by law, did cause a Proposed 2024-2025 Fiscal Year budget of the City of Sweeny, Texas to be filed with the City Secretary of the City of Sweeny, Texas, and did cause notice of the filing of such budget and notice of a public hearing on such budget to be published in the official newspaper of the City of Sweeny, Texas, which said public hearing, pursuant to such notice published in the official newspaper of said City was held as required by law; and

WHEREAS, by separate ordinance, the City Council has adopted said budget as the budget for the City of Sweeny, Texas, and have ordered the same to be filed with the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, and all other public places required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has complied with the public hearing and notice requirements of Article 26.05(d) of the Tax Code of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has complied with all provisions of the law with respect to the adoption of this Tax Rate Ordinance, and with respect to approving the tax rolls;

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

SECTION ONE (1):

The City of Sweeny, Brazoria County, Texas, having completed a public hearing

pursuant to due notice thereof on the question of a Municipal Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and having adopted said budget, and having given proper notice and held all required public hearings to increase the tax rate, hereby accepts the tax rolls of the Tax Assessor Collector and the determination of the effective tax rate based upon the appraisal of properties by the Appraisal District of Brazoria County, Texas, and its determination of values of all property within the City Limits of the City of Sweeny, Texas, at 100% of market value.

SECTION TWO (2):

There is hereby established, and there shall be collected a tax of \$0.635481 each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars of evaluation on all taxable property situated within the City Limits of the City of Sweeny, Texas, for the fiscal year 2024-2025; Such Tax shall be delinquent on the 1st day of February, A. D. 2025, and shall thereafter be subject to the maximum penalty and interest permitted by the laws of the State of Texas, including but not limited to reasonable Attorney's fees designated by the Tax Code of the State of Texas.

Said Tax so collected shall be apportioned as follows:

The sum of \$0.077589 shall be collected and utilized to pay the principal, interest and sinking fund on the City of Sweeny 2011 Certificate of Obligation, 2012 Certificate of Obligation, 2017 Certificate of Obligation, and 2019 Certificate of Obligation.

The sum of \$0.557892 of each sum so collected shall be designated for the General Fund of the City to pay the maintenance and general operations of the City.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED, this the ____ day of _____, A. D.
2024.

DUSTY HOPKINS, MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF SWEENY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

KAYDI SMITH, CITY SECRETARY



AGENDA MEMO

Business of the City Council City of Sweeny, Texas

Meeting Date	09/10/2024	Agenda Items	
Approved by City Manager		Presenter(s)	Karla Wilson
Reviewed by City Attorney		Department	Finance
Subject	Discussion and possible action to First State Bank Authorized Signers		
Council Strategic Goals	Government Sustainability: Protect City's Financial Integrity		
Attachments / Supporting documents			
Financial Information	Expenditure Required:		N/A
	Amount Budgeted:		N/A
	Account Number:		N/A
	Additional Appropriation Required:		N/A
	Additional Account Number:		N/A

Executive Summary

The City of Sweeny City Charter states the following:

All checks, vouchers, or warrants for the withdrawal of money from the City depositories shall be signed by the City Manager and/or such other person or persons as the City Council shall designate by ordinance or resolution.

This item is a request to replace the former City Manager as a signer on First State Bank City bank accounts with the Interim City Manager. Two signers are required for each check; other signers listed are the Mayor, City Secretary, and Finance Director. Historically, the City Manager and Finance Director signed checks with the City Secretary and Mayor serving as back up signers.

Approved minutes documenting a passed motion to add a signer to the account is required by the bank to add a signer to the account.

Recommended Action

Motion to replace Lindsay Koskiniemi with David Jordan as an authorized check signer on all First State Bank accounts that currently authorize Lindsay Koskiniemi as a signer.