

**Minutes
Hurst City Council
Work Session
Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

On the 15th day of August 2023, at 5:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Work Session at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
Gary N. Waldron	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Cathy Brotherton	)	Councilmembers
Jon McKenzie)	
Cindy Shepard)	
John Miller)	
Jimmy Meeks)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Sarah Walsh	)	City Attorney
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Michelle Lazo	)	Executive Director of Planning and Development
Steve Bowden	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Shelly Klein	)	Assistant to the City Manager

With the following Councilmembers absent: none, constituting a quorum, at which time, the following business was transacted:

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Informational Items

- **Update and discussion of upcoming Calendar Items** – City Manager Clay Caruthers reminded Council of the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District collaboration meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the Pat May Center and noted the air conditioner was fixed at the Library.
- **Update and discussion of Hurst Code of Ordinances, Section 27-21 - Special development controls** – City Manager Clay Caruthers briefed Council on the masonry requirements under the Chapter 27-21 of the Hurst Code of Ordinances noting recent code enforcement regarding fencing on Glade Road and fencing for litter control on Precinct Line and Thousand Oaks. Council discussed the special development controls including safety and aesthetics.

III. Update and discussion of Regular Agenda Items

IV. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10

Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023

and ending September 30, 2024

Conduct a Public Hearing to consider tax rate for the City's 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget

Consider Ordinance 2546 (a), first reading, adopting budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024

Consider Ordinance 2546 (b), first reading, ratifying the Property Tax Revenue Increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Consider Ordinance 2547, first reading, setting the tax rate for the 2023 tax year


Consider Ordinance 2548, first reading, adopting water and wastewater rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

City Manager Clay Caruthers and Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton briefed Council on Work Session Item IV relative to the budget related items. Mr. Fulton provided an article for Council's future reading regarding property tax in Texas compared to other states. Also discussed was the stormwater drainage fee adjustment to be adjusted over the next three years, and that an average Hurst resident will still be below other area cities. City Manager Caruthers reviewed the numerous capital project needs supported by this fee including environmental costs to the City of Fort Worth. Staff reviewed the proposed budget and tax rate, noting the proposed budget includes all items discussed during the Council's budget work session on July 31, 2023 and with the water rate and storm drainage fees and proposed property tax increase, the annual increase to the average homeowner in the City is approximately \$80 to \$90 a year. Also reviewed were area cities proposed no new revenue and voter approval rates, noting Hurst has the lowest spread between these rates, which is only one cent, reiterating you can't really compare one city to another by just looking at the tax rate. Mr. Fulton stated the proposed tax rate impact to the average homeowner is about \$22 a year and the majority of these funds were to support public safety and infrastructure, which is where the citizens have said is their highest priority. Mr. Fulton also reviewed unfunded needs that will be addressed through the special project funds including one-time purchases which are mainly infrastructure and equipment and one-time employee pay.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Wilson adjourned the work session at 6:24 p.m.

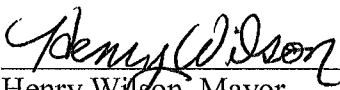
APPROVED this the 22nd day of August 2023.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor