

**Mayor**  
Dee Grimm

## SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**City Manager**  
Maria Hernandez

**Council Members**  
Dwayne Padalecki  
Russell Beck  
Caid Franckowiak  
Justin Wiatrek  
John Hafner (Mayor Pro Tem)



**City Marshal**  
Mark Soto

**City Secretary**  
Janice Staudt

**City of Saint Hedwig**  
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Tuesday, September 27, 2022

6:30 pm

Saint Hedwig City Hall  
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Saint Hedwig, Texas 78152

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### APPROVED MINUTES

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Dee Grimm called the Special Called City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### 2. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor	Dee Grimm	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem	John Hafner	Present
Councilmember	Dwayne Padalecki	Present
Councilmember	Russell Beck	Present
Councilmember	Caid Franckowiak	Present
Councilmember	Justin Wiatrek	Present

Also Present:

CITY STAFF: City Manager Maria Hernandez, City Secretary Janice Staudt

CITY ATTORNEY: Shanna O'Neil (via teleconference)

CITY MARSHAL: Mark Soto

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dee Grimm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

#### 5. ADOPTION OF 2022 TAX RATE, ORDINANCE 2022-023

**LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF ST. HEDWIG, TEXAS FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR, AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID**

- The Proposed 2022 Tax Rate is \$0.495000 per \$100 valuation.
- The No-New Revenue Tax Rate is \$0.470166 per \$100 valuation
- The previous year (2021) Tax Rate is \$0.463578 per \$100 valuation
- The proposed tax rate of \$0.495000 per \$100 valuation is greater than the No-New-Revenue tax rate, and will raise \$56,892 more in property tax revenue for the City from the same properties in both the 2021 and 2022 tax year.

Mayor Dee Grimm –

Explained that the 2022 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.495000 per \$100 valuation was not adopted as the 2022 Tax Rate at the previous 9/15/22 City Council Meeting, because a favorable vote of 4 to 1 (60% of the 6-member governing body, consisting of 5 council members + 1 mayor), as required by law to adopt the tax rate, was not achieved. Thus, the reason for this meeting tonight, to vote again to adopt a 2022 tax rate. Explained that if a tax rate is not adopted (by September 30<sup>th</sup>), then by law, the tax rate would automatically default to the 2021 rate (the lower of the No-New-Revenue rate or the previous year (2021) rate), and if this happens, Council will be required to meet again to ratify that rate. She discussed estimated tax revenue based on various tax rates, as derived from information received from Bexar County,

Councilman Russell Beck –

Discussed that the City will already be receiving an increase in tax revenue due to the increase in property appraisals.

Councilman Justin Wiatrek –

Discussed that the estimated calculated tax revenue is based on unprotested property values, thus the disputed property, which is significantly more this year than last year, has a potential of generating much more tax revenue for the City than the calculated revenue. Thus, the current (2021) tax rate of \$0.463578 would generate sufficient tax revenue to cover the City's 2022-2023 adopted budget.

Councilman John Hafner –

Noted that a lot of property in Saint Hedwig have tax exemptions. Feels the City should base their estimated tax revenue on factual numbers, and not on speculation. Also noted the need for the additional revenue due to the City's expansion, and how the City has always operated on a shoestring budget.

Councilman Dwayne Padalecki –

He can't control Bexar County appraisals and encouraged everyone to protest them, and noted the small percentage Saint Hedwig actually receives from taxes. He took an oath to do what's best for the City, and noted the additional revenue generated by the proposed tax increase, doesn't ever cover the expenditure needed for an additional police officer. He represents the City, not the County, not ESD, not the School Board, not Alamo Community College District, and not the Hospital District. The \$0.495000 proposed tax rate is a 6.8% increase, and believes that's what's best for the City.

Councilman Justin Wiatrek –

Stated that the increase in numbers this year from last year, as provided by Bexar County, along with the City's proposed tax rate increase, would be greater than 10%.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADOPTION OF 2022 TAX RATE**

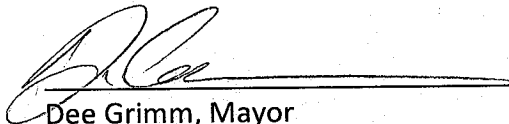
MOTION	Councilman John Hafner made the following motion: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.495000 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 6.78 percent increase in the tax rate".
SECOND	Councilman Caid Franckowiak seconded the motion
VOTE	Councilman Dwayne Padalecki – AYE Councilman Russell Beck - AYE Councilman Caid Franckowiak – AYE Councilman John Hafner – AYE Councilman Justin Wiatrek – NAY  The adoption of a 2022 ad valorem tax rate of \$0.495000 per \$100 valuation is approved.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2022-023**

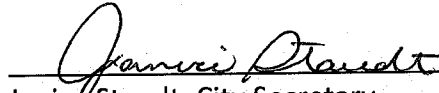
MOTION	Councilman John Hafner moved to approve Ordinance 2022-023
SECOND	Councilman Caid Franckowiak seconded the motion
DISCUSSION	No Discussion
VOTE	Councilman Dwayne Padalecki – FOR Councilman Russell Beck - FOR Councilman Caid Franckowiak – FOR Councilman John Hafner – FOR Councilman Justin Wiatrek - AGAINST  Ordinance 2022-23, levying a 2022 tax rate of \$0.495000 per \$100 valuation was approved.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Dee Grimm adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

  
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Dee Grimm, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Janice Staudt, City Secretary