

**MINUTES**  
City of Dickinson  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**September 12, 2023**

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced the Special Meeting on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas 77539 for the purpose of considering the following numbered items.

**ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM** Councilmembers present were as follows: Sean Skipworth - Mayor, Jenna P Simsen, Mark Townsend, Jessie Brantley, Bill Schick, Fred L Linton. Councilmember Johnnie Simpson, Jr. was absent.

**ITEM 2.) PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

2.A **Conduct a Public Hearing concerning the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.**

Public Hearing began at 6:05 p.m.

The City Manager presented highlights of the budget to City Council. The City Manager briefed on the current tax rate, No New Revenue Tax Rate and stated that the proposed Tax Rate is \$0.366870. He also mentioned that the budget included a 5% for employee raises. Council will need to approve how they w split the 5% to employees.

**Public Comments:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Reason for Comment</b>
Wally Deats	5201 Desel Drive	Budget
Tami Steambarge	5109 Casa Grande	Budget

Public Hearing adjourned 6:11 p.m. No action taken

2.B **ORDINANCE XXX-2023 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR AS REFLECTED IN SAID BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND CONTAINING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (FIRST AND FINAL READING).**

**Public Comments 2B:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Reason for Comment</b>
Wally Deats	5201 Desel Drive	Budget

City Manager, Theo Melancon answered questions made from public comments. He stated that we will have more in-house street reconstruction projects. He mentioned that we are working close with the County on the resurfacing of California Street. He also addressed the question made regarding the Audit. He stated that we are working on one item left to turnover which is the outstanding reconciliation of the accounts payable portion. He also stated that FY22 Audits will be presented by the end of this year, and he hopes for FY23 to be back on schedule which would be around March or April.

Councilmember Townsend stated that he recommends a 4% cola increase across the board for all employees. Councilmember Schick agreed to the 4% cola increase for all employees. Mayor Skipworth stated that he recommends a 5% cola increase to all employees, Councilmember Brantley stated that he agrees with a 5% increase. A discussion followed with the City Manager and Councilmembers discussing cola/merit options. City Manager answered questions and concerns.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brantley to amend the budget to include a 5% cola increase across the board for all employees, Councilwoman Simsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a roll call vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget with amendment of a 5% cola increase for all employees.

Councilwoman Simsen - AYES  
 Councilmember Townsend - NAY  
 Councilmember Brantley - AYES  
 Councilmember Schick - NAY  
 Councilmember Linton - AYES  
 Mayor Skipworth - AYES

**VOTE:**

4 AYES (Sean Skipworth - Mayor, Jenna P Simsen, Jessie Brantley, Fred L Linton)

2 NAYS (Mark Townsend, Bill Schick)

**MOTION PASSED**

- 2.C **Consideration and possible action concerning the ratification of the increased property tax rate revenue reflected in the FY2023-2024 adopted budget.**

Jessie Brantley motioned to approve, and Fred L Linton seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

6 AYES (Sean Skipworth - Mayor, Jenna P Simsen, Mark Townsend, Jessie Brantley, Bill Schick, Fred L Linton)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**ITEM 3.) ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Townsend motioned to adjourn, and Bill Schick seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

6 AYES (Sean Skipworth - Mayor, Jenna P Simsen, Mark Townsend, Jessie Brantley, Bill Schick, Fred L Linton)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.**

  
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Sean Skipworth, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ana Urps, City Secretary