

**MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF GODDARD
118 NORTH MAIN, GODDARD, KS
MONDAY AUGUST 22, 2022**

The Goddard City Council met in a Special Session at Goddard City Hall on Monday, August 22, 2022. Council members present were Larry Zimmerman, Sarah Leland, Brent and Michael Proctor.

Also present were, Brian Silcott, City Administrator; Thatcher Moddie, Assistant to City Administrator; Matt Lawn, Finance Director.

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Zimmerman opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. and asked for any written or oral comments regarding the revenue neutral rate or the 2023 Proposed Budget. There being no comments Mayor Zimmerman closed the public hearing.

In its 2021 session, the State Legislature adopted Senate Bill No. 13 which limits local taxing entities from adopting budgets which exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). As defined in state law, the RNR is the number of mills needed to levy the same dollar amount in property tax as levied in the prior year. This law limits the ability of growing communities, like the City of Goddard, from capturing new valuation growth in the form of the property tax needed to fund city operations. The new law essentially obligates growing cities to cut their mill levies annually. The law does not allow exemptions for inflation, increased commodity costs, new growth, or public safety.

Matt Lawn, Finance Director presented the proposed 2023 budget which lowers the General Fund mill levy by 1.93 mills at 31,291 mills but surpasses the Revenue Neutral Rate by 1.957.

Matt Lawn presented a Resolution allowing the City Council to adopt a budget exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.

MOTION: Councilmember *Proctor* moved to adopt the resolution to approve exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Councilmember *Leland* seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Zimmerman, Leland, Proctor

Nay:

Resolution: 22-19

2023 OPERATING BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET ADOPTION

Matt Lawn reviewed the 2023 proposed budget at 31.291 mills vs last years mill levy at 33.2. One mill equals \$57,958 for a total levy of \$1,813,543. A homeowner of a \$200,000 home will pay \$719.69 in City Property Tax. Lawn reviewed the Budget Summary that was published in the Times Sentinel on August 11, 2022, per budget requirements.

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The 2023 Proposed Operating Budget (Total budget minus Interfund Transfers, appropriated reserves, and discretionary capital outlays) totals \$8,386,961. The City’s valuation for the 2023 operating budget totals \$57,958,136, which is an increase of \$6,755,506 (13.19%), over the current \$51,202,630 assessed valuation.

The Proposed Budget, as presented, does not capture the full valuation increase. It only captures the new property that has been added to the tax roll in the prior year. This accounts for a valuation increase of only 6.67%.

Mayor Zimmerman opened the public hearing for oral or written comments regarding the 2023 proposed budget. There being no comments the Mayor closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilmember *Proctor* moved to approve the 2023 operating budget as presented. Councilmember *Leland* seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Zimmerman, Leland, Proctor

Nay:

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember *Leland* moved to adjourn the special meeting. Councilmember *Proctor* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.
Teri Laymon, City Clerk