

CITY OF CHICO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
September 12, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 400 S. Hovey, Chico, Texas 76431

MINUTES

1. Invocation – Mayor to Invite Rhonda Richey to give the Invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance (U.S. & Texas) was led by Mayor Colleen Self.
3. Roll Call & Establish Quorum – City Secretary Rhonda Richey
Jack Souther – present
Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Counts – present
Ronnie McGuire – present
Mayor Colleen Self – present
Hannah Avants – present
Jamie Gunstanson - present

4. Call Meeting to Order – Mayor Colleen Self called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Open the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

5. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024.**

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$8,532, WHICH IS A 2.62% PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR 'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$3,785.

THERE ARE NO CITIZENS PRESENT. NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

6. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:39 P.M.

7. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2023 TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2023 & FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024.**

THE CITY IS CONSIDERING ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2023. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS \$0.375246 PER \$100 OF VALUE. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WOULD INCREASE THE TOTAL TAXES IN THE CITY OF CHICO BY 2.62%. No citizens present. No questions or comments.

8. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:41 P.M.

MOTION BY JAMIE GUNSTANSON AND SECONDED BY RONNIE MCGUIRE TO TABLE ITEMS 9.A. AND 10.A. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. Pursuant to Chapter 551.071, *Texas Government Code*, Consultation with attorney on a matter in which the attorney's duty to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with this chapter and/or consult with attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or contemplated settlement of the same [1. DOCKET #CV23-01-062 EL CAMINO REAL VS CITY OF CHICO].

10. Consider/Act on items discussed in Executive Session (Items 5.a. above).

- a. 5.a.1. DOCKET #CV23-01-062 EL CAMINO REAL VS CITY OF CHICO.

11. Citizen Comments- *(State law prohibits the City Council from considering or deliberations on any item not listed on the posted City Council Agenda. A person may address the Council on items not on the printed agenda and on the printed agenda. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes. The Council may not comment or deliberate regarding such statements or comments during this period. Any discussion of the subjects must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. Sec. 551.042 of Open Meetings Act).* No citizens present.

12. Discuss/Consider/Act on an Ordinance Approving and Adopting a Budget for the fiscal year 2023 - 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 9-2023-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHICO, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 102, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

I, Jimmy Counts, Move to Pass Ordinance No. 9-2023-1, adopting the Annual Budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024 in accordance with Chapter 102, Local Government Code; Appropriating the various amounts thereof; repealing conflicting ordinances and resolutions; including a severability clause; and establishing an effective date.

Colleen Self, Mayor - Abstain / Not Voting
Hannah Avants, Council Member – Favor
Jimmy Counts, Council Member – Favor
Jamie Gunstanson, Council Member – Favor
Ronnie McGuire, Council Member – Favor
Jack Souther, Council Member – Favor
5 – Favor
0 – Against
1 - Abstain

13. Discuss/Consider/Act on an Ordinance Ratifying the Tax Revenue Reflected in the 2023 - 2024 Budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 9-2023-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO, TEXAS, RATIFYING THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET WILL REQUIRE RAISING MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

I, Jimmy Counts, move to pass Ordinance No. 9-2023-0, ratifying that the adoption of the 2023-2024 Annual Budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$8,532, which is a 2.62% percent increase from last year's budget and the property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$3,785, and this budget will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate by \$8,117.00

Colleen Self, Mayor – Abstain /Not Voting
Hannah Avants, Council Member – Favor
Jimmy Counts, Council Member – Favor
Jamie Gunstanson, Council Member – Favor
Ronnie McGuire, Council Member – Favor
Jack Souther, Council Member – Favor
5 – Favor
0-Against
1-Abstain

14. Discuss/Consider/Act on an Ordinance Adopting and Levying the ad valorem Tax Rate for 2023 for Maintenance and operations of the City of Chico at \$0.241963 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation for the Tax Year beginning on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 9-2023-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO ADOPTING THE TAX RATE OF \$0.241963 PER \$100 TAXABLE VALUATION FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF CHICO, TEXAS, FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2023, FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHICO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; APPORTIONING SAID LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND ITEMS FOR WHICH REVENUE MUST BE RAISED; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

I, Jamie Gunstanson, move to pass Ordinance No. 9-2023-3 adopting and levying a tax rate for maintenance and operations of the City of Chico at \$0.241963 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2023; and, I further move this tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate and that the tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.92% percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately (\$6.67).

Colleen Self, Mayor – Abstain / Not Voting
Hannah Avants, Council Member – Favor
Jimmy Counts, Council Member – Favor
Jamie Gunstanson, Council Member – Favor
Ronnie McGuire, Council Member – Favor
Jack Souther, Council Member – Favor
5 – Favor
0-Against
1-Abstain

15. Discuss/Consider/Act on an Ordinance Adopting and Levying the ad valorem Tax Rate for 2023 to pay the principal and interest on the funded debt of the City of Chico at \$0.133283 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation for the Tax Year beginning on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 9-2023-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO ADOPTING THE TAX RATE OF \$0.133283 PER \$100 TAXABLE VALUATION TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE FUNDED DEBT OF THE CITY AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF CHICO, TEXAS, FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2023; APPORTIONING SAID LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND ITEMS FOR WHICH REVENUE MUST BE RAISED INCLUDING PROVIDING A SINKING FUND FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDED DEBT OF THE CITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

I, Jimmy Counts, move to pass Ordinance No. 9-2023-4, adopting and levying a tax rate to pay the principal and interest on the funded debt of the City of Chico at \$0.133283 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2023; and, I further move this tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate and that the tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.92% percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately (6.67).

Colleen Self, Mayor – Abstain / Not Voting
Hannah Avants, Council Member – Favor
Jimmy Counts, Council Member – Favor
Jamie Gunstanson, Council Member – Favor
Ronnie McGuire, Council Member – Favor
Jack Souther, Council Member – Favor
5 – Favor
0-Against
1-Abstain

16. Adjourn Meeting. Motion by Hannah Avants and seconded by Jimmy Counts to adjourn meeting at 6:54 p.m. All in favor. Motion Carried.


Rhonda Richey, City Secretary


Colleen Self, Mayor