

**TOLAR CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The City of Tolar Council met on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6 P.M.

**Present:** Matt Hutsell, Mayor  
Craig Davis, Place 1  
Sally Grimes, Place 2  
Chip Foster, Place 3, Mayor Pro Tem  
Brian Gall, Place 4  
Kevin Fron, Place 5

**Absent:** NONE

**City Staff Present:** Michelle Burdette, City Secretary  
Jeremy Sorelle, City Attorney  
Daniel Wilson, Public Works Dir.  
Ray Wilson, Police Chief

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 6 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Craig Davis, Sally Grimes, Chip Foster, Matt Hutsell, Brian Gall, and Kevin Fron were present.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Mayor Hutsell opened the public hearing at 6:02 PM.**

- 1.) To discuss and receive comments on the 2023 property tax rate.
- 2.) To discuss and receive comments for the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Mayor Hutsell asked for questions or comments. There were none. Mayor Hutsell closed the public hearing at 6:08 PM.**

**CITIZENS APPEARANCE**

Shane Flippin of Tolar approached the City Council regarding the unsatisfactory conditions of an abutting property.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

August 17, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Motion: by Chip Foster, second by Sally Grimes to approve the minutes as presented.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS

NONE

## NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Discuss and approve Ordinance 2023-06 amending the 2022-2023 General and Water/Wastewater fiscal year budgets.

Motion: by Chip Foster, seconded by Sally Grimes to table.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 2.) Discuss and approve Ordinance 2023-07 adopting the 2023-2024 General, Water/Wastewater, and EDC fiscal year budgets.

Motion: by Sally Grimes, seconded by Craig Davis, to approve Ordinance 2023-07 adopting the 2023-2024 General, Water/Wastewater, and EDC fiscal year budgets.

Motion passed 4/1, Brian Gall voted not to approve.

- 3.) Discuss and approve Ordinance 2023-05 ratifying the 2023 ad valorem tax rate increase due to increased property valuations.

Motion: by Sally Grimes, seconded by Chip Foster, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.460000, which is effectively a 55.09 percent increase in the tax rate.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.) Discuss and consider entering an Interlocal Agreement with Hood County for the processing and prosecution of citations issued by the City of Tolar Code Enforcement and the City of Tolar Police Department.

Motion: by Brian Gall, seconded by Craig Davis to authorize the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Hood County for the processing and prosecuting of citations per the terms as discussed and agreed upon by the City Council.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.) Discuss and approve Resolution 2023-4 regarding a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring a police vehicle.

Motion: Chip Foster, seconded by Craig Davis, to approve Resolution 2023-4 regarding a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring a police vehicle.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.) Approval of all financials.

- Bank Reconciliation
- Statement of Financial Income and Expenses
- Expenses by Vendor Detail
- Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Motion: Craig Davis, seconded by Sally Grimes, to approve financials as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

## STAFF REPORTS

NONE

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The council may enter into a closed or Executive Session to discuss the following items posted in Executive Session or seek legal advice from the city attorney pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Sections(s) 551.04*

NONE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

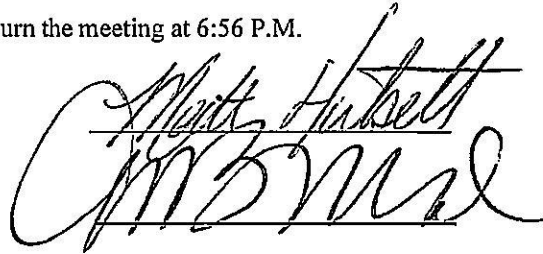
Regular meeting October 16, 2023 @ 6 P.M.  
The city hall will be closed on October 9th for Columbus Day.

**ADJOURN**

Motion: by Sally Grimes, second by Chip Foster to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 P.M.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**  
Matt Hutsell, Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
Michelle Burdette, City Administrator

Handwritten signatures of Matt Hutsell and Michelle Burdette. The signature of Matt Hutsell is written above the signature of Michelle Burdette.