

September 5, 2023	MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLNEY, TEXAS	5:00 P.M.
<p>The City Council of the City of Olney, Texas, Tuesday September 5, 2023 a 5:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Rue Rogers, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Parker, Councilmembers; Harrison Wellman, Tommy Kimbro, Brad Simmons and Chuck Stennett. Staff Present: were City Administrator Arpegea Pagsuberon, City Secretary Tammy Hourigan and Police Chief Dan Birbeck. All agenda items were subject to action.</p>		
<p>Mayor Rue Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.</p>	CALL TO ORDER	
<p>Mayor Rue Rogers gave the invocation.</p>	INVOCATION	
<p>Mayor Rogers stated that this was a follow up from the previous meeting held on Friday, September 1, 2023. He stated that the Council must decide on a Proposed Tax Rate in order to have it published in the newspaper and have a Public Hearing at the September 25, 2023 Council Meeting. City Secretary Tammy Hourigan informed the Council that she had received the information from Jesse Blackman at the Young County Appraisal District pertaining to the past several year's rates as requested by Councilmember Wellman. She stated that 2018 and 2019 both had a rate of 0.762740. The rates have continued to decrease since that time 2020 rate 0.754285, 2021 rate 0.747600, 2022 rate 0.685554 and the rates generated by the Young County Appraisal District for 2023 were the Voter Approval Rate of 0.645198, No New Revenue Rate of 0.622542 and De Minimis Rate of 0.978221. The De Minimis Rate calculation is the No New Revenue Rate plus \$500,000 in tax levy. Ms. Hourigan stated that the proposed tax rate that she and City Administrator Arpegea Pagsuberon were presenting to the Council was 0.779864. This would result in a tax levy of \$1,1 Million and is under the De Minimis Rate. There was much discussion among the Council members. Councilmember Wellman stated that he was in favor of the idea of proposing a rate that was near what had been adopted in the previous years before the rate began decreasing. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker stated that he would consider the De Minimis Rate, since it allows for an increase in the tax levy that is received by the City of Olney and will provide for improvements. He also stated that perhaps the De Minimis rate could be considered for a specific amount of time with the understanding that it would then decrease. Mayor Rogers reminded the Council that a decision needed to be made in order to present a Proposed Rate for Public Hearing on September 25, 2023. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the Proposed Tax Rate of 0.779864. Councilmember Wellman made said Motion. Councilmember Simmons seconded. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker was opposed along with Councilmembers Stennett and Kimbro. The Motion did not pass. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the Proposed Tax Rate of 0.978221. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said Motion. Councilmember</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FY 2023/2024 PROPOSED TAX RATE</p>	

Stennett seconded. Councilmembers Wellman and Simmons were opposed. The Motion was approved. Mayor Rogers stated that the Proposed 2023-2024 Tax Rate is 0.978221, the full De Minimis Rate.	
There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 6:24 P.M.	ADJOURNMENT
ATTEST:  _____ Tammy Hourigan, City Secretary	