

**City of West Orange
Tax Rate Hearing
Monday, September 21, 2020**

**West Orange Community Center
2700 Western Avenue (rear entrance)
West Orange, Texas
5:15 p.m.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Roy McDonald
Dale Dardeau

Randy Branch
Michael Shugart, Sr.

Shirley Bonnin

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:

Brent Dearing

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mike Stelly

Theresa Van Meter

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Perrine

Call to Order

Mayor McDonald called the hearing to order at 5:15, announcing that a quorum was present.

He stated that the purpose of this hearing was to conduct a question and answer period pertaining to the proposed tax rate for the City of West Orange for tax year 2020.

He then stated that a tax rate of \$0.47000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the City Council to fund a \$4,049,268 budget. This rate exceeds the lower of the "no-new" and voter approve tax rates, and state law requires that a public hearing be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of the City of West Orange, Texas proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of maintenance and operations.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.47000 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ 0.47000 per \$100
"NO NEW" TAX RATE	\$ 0.43962 per \$100
"VOTER APPROVE" TAX RATE	\$ 0.47697 per \$100

The "No New" tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of West Orange, Texas from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year. *(This was formerly called the "effective" tax rate.)*

The "Voter Approve" tax rate is the highest tax rate that the City of West Orange, Texas may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved. *(This was formerly called the "rollback" tax rate.)*

The mayor then asked if there were any comments or questions pertaining to this proposed budget. There were none.

Adjournment

As there were no comments or questions pertaining to the proposed budget, the mayor adjourned the hearing at 5:17 p.m.


Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:


Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

