

September 29, 2020
City Council
Special Meeting
6:30 p.m.



SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE:

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Dickinson, Texas will conduct the special meeting scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas 77539 by telephone and online video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). **[There will be no public access to the location described above.]**

This supplemental written notice, the meeting agendas, and the agenda packets, are posted online at <http://www.ci.dickinson.tx.us/agendacenter>.

The public may use any of the following toll-free dial-in numbers to participate telephonically in the meetings: 877-853-5257, 888-475-4499, 833-548-0276, or 833-548-0282 Meeting ID: 957 0243 5727, Passcode 77539

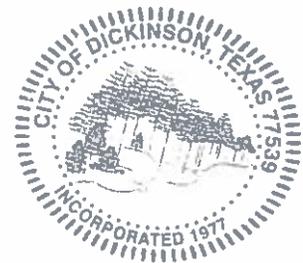
The public may use the following Uniform Resource Locator (URL) to participate by video conference in the meetings: <https://zoom.us/j/95702435727> Meeting ID: 957 0243 5727, Passcode 77539

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically or via video conference as provided by the agendas and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meetings.

A recording of the meetings will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.



Kerilyn Bascle, Assistant to the City Administrator



Julie Masters, Mayor
Charles Suderman, Mayor Pro Tem
Sean Skipworth
Walter Wilson

AGENDA
City of Dickinson
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

Wally Deats
Louis Decker
William H. King III
Chris Heard, City Administrator

September 29, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given of a **SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council for the City of Dickinson, County of Galveston, State of Texas, to be held on **Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.** at: 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas 77539 for the purpose of considering the following numbered items.

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The City Council of the City of Dickinson, Texas, reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any of the below items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

ITEM 2.) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING: Proposed tax rate of \$0.399853 per hundred dollars of valuation

- A. Staff Presentation
- B. Those in Favor
- C. Those Opposed
- D. Adjourn Public Hearing

ITEM 3.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Ordinance Number XXX-2020 – **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE 2020 AD VALOREM TAX (DEBT) RATE AND LEVY OF \$0.071966 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AND APPROVING THE 2020 AD VALOREM TAX MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION RATE AND LEVY OF \$0.399853 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM**

TAXES OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 2020 AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED; PROVIDING THE DATE ON WHICH SUCH TAXES SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST ON ALL TAXES NOT TIMELY PAID; AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS; AND PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ITEM 4.) ADJOURN

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that a copy of the Notice of the Special City Council meeting for **Tuesday, September 29, 2020**, was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas, on this the 25th day of September, 2020, prior to 7:00 p.m.



Kerilyn Basche, Assistant to the City Administrator



In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Dickinson will provide reasonable accommodations for disabled persons attending City Council Meetings. Requests should be received at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, by contacting the City Secretary's office at 281-337-6217, or by FAX at 281-337-6190.

ITEM 1

**Call to Order and
Certification of a
Quorum**

**CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ATTENDANCE LIST**

**MEETING DATE: September 29, 2020
Special Meeting**

<u>MAYOR/COUNCIL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
MAYOR JULIE MASTERS	_____	_____
POS. 1: COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES SUDERMAN	_____	_____
POS. 2: COUNCILMEMBER SEAN SKIPWORTH	_____	_____
POS. 3: COUNCILMEMBER WALTER WILSON	_____	_____
POS. 4: COUNCILMEMBER WALLY DEATS	_____	_____
POS. 5: COUNCILMEMBER LOUIS DECKER	_____	_____
POS. 6: COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAM KING	_____	_____
<u>ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:</u>		
City Attorney David W. Olson	_____	_____
City Administrator Chris Heard	_____	_____
Finance Director Penny Hunter	_____	_____
City Secretary Alun W. Thomas	_____	_____
Director of Community Services Kola Olayiwola	_____	_____
Police Chief Ron Morales	_____	_____
EMS Director Derek Hunt	_____	_____
Fire Marshal Burt Heddles	_____	_____
Court Administrator Irma Rivera	_____	_____
Library Director Julianne Lane	_____	_____
Bayou Animal Services Manager Sarah Haywood	_____	_____
Assistant to the City Administrator Kerilyn Bascle	_____	_____

ITEM 2

TROPICAL STORM BETA CHANGE

The below meeting has been rescheduled for September 29th at 6:30 pm. In the interest of transparency, this notice will be posted on the GCAD, GCTO and City of Dickinson websites until after adoption of the rate.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.399853 per \$100 of valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Dickinson.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.399853 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.399853 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$1.149761 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$1.161812 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Dickinson from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year. The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Dickinson may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Dickinson is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 22, 2020, at 7:00 PM at Dickinson City Hall, 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Dickinson is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of the City of Dickinson at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be calculated as follows:

Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your property/\$100

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax rate as follows:

FOR:	Charles Suderman Walter Wilson William King, III	Sean Skipworth Wally Deats
AGAINST:	Louis Decker	
ABSENT:	Mayor Julie Masters	

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Dickinson last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Dickinson this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.443830	\$0.399853	Decrease of \$0.043977 OR -9.91%
Average Homestead Taxable Value	\$150,606	\$165,417	Increase of 9.83%
Tax on Average Homestead	\$668	\$661	Decrease of \$7 OR 1.04%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$4,002,734	\$4,122,302	Increase of \$119,568 or 2.99%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for the City of Dickinson at (409) 766-2260 or galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us or visit www.galcotax.com for more information.

ITEM 3

ORDINANCE NUMBER XXX-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE 2020 AD VALOREM TAX (DEBT) RATE AND LEVY OF \$0.071966 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AND APPROVING THE 2020 AD VALOREM TAX MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION RATE AND LEVY OF \$0.399853 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 2020 AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED; PROVIDING THE DATE ON WHICH SUCH TAXES SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST ON ALL TAXES NOT TIMELY PAID; AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS; AND PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26.04 of the Texas Tax Code, the City's Tax Assessor/Collector calculated the no-new-revenue tax rate as described below and submitted the calculations with the appraisal roll to the City Council on September 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the no-new-revenue tax was published in the City's official newspaper on September 24th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code provides that by October 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable, the governing body of each taxing unit shall adopt a tax rate for the current tax year; and

WHEREAS, such Section further provides that where the tax rate consists of two components (one which will impose the amount of taxes needed to pay the unit's debt service and the other which will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the unit for the next year); and

WHEREAS, the proposed tax rate for the current tax year of the City of Dickinson, Texas, consists of two such components, a tax rate of **\$0.071966** for debt service and a tax rate of **\$0.399853** to fund maintenance and operation expenditures; and

WHEREAS, a budget appropriating revenues generated by the collection of ad valorem for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Dickinson has been proposed by the Dickinson City Council as required by Title Four (4), Section 102.009 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the City Council to adopt the 2020 Tax Rate for the City of Dickinson, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 2. All property subject to ad valorem taxation by the City of Dickinson, Texas, shall be equally and uniformly assessed for such purposes at One Hundred Percent (100%) of the fair market value of such property.

Section 3. There is hereby levied for general purposes and use by the City of Dickinson, Texas, for the year 2020 and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided, an ad valorem tax at the rate of **\$0.399853** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation on all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits upon which an ad valorem tax is authorized by law to be levied by the City of Dickinson, Texas.

Section 4. For the purposes of paying the interest on bonds, warrants, certificates of obligation, or other lawfully authorized evidence of indebtedness issued by the City of Dickinson, Texas, including the various installments of principal due on the serial bonds, warrants, certificates of obligation, or other lawfully authorized evidence of indebtedness issued by the City as such installments shall respectively mature, and for the purpose of repaying any sums borrowed in anticipation of current revenues for use in the payment of bonds and certificates of obligation and interest thereon maturing in the fiscal year 2020-2021 for the purpose of paying interest and making provisions for the sinking fund on such other bond issues, warrants, certificates of obligation, or other lawfully authorized evidence of indebtedness as may be authorized, there is hereby levied for the year 2020 and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided, to be assessed and collected upon all property described in Section 3 of this Ordinance, an annual ad valorem tax at the rate of **\$0.071966** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation.

Section 5. All ad valorem taxes levied hereby, in the total amount of **\$0.399853** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation, as reflected by Section 3 and 4 hereof, shall be due and payable on or before January 31, 2021. All ad valorem taxes due the City of Dickinson, Texas, and not paid on or before January 31 following the year for which they were levied shall bear penalty and interest as prescribed in the Property Tax Code of the State of Texas.

Section 6. All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed and the Tax Assessor/Collector for the City of Dickinson, Texas shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest. The penalty and interest collected from such delinquent taxes shall be appropriated for the general fund of the City of Dickinson, Texas. All delinquent ad valorem taxes related to penalties and interest for the tax years prior to 2020 that are collected during Fiscal Year 2020-2021 shall be allocated to the general fund for maintenance and operation of the City of Dickinson, Texas.

Section 7. The following exemptions are hereby authorized:

1. Exemptions shall be allowed for the first TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) of the market value of residence homesteads of persons, married or unmarried, including those living alone, who are under Federal Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance or its successors or of married or unmarried persons 65 years of age or older, including those living alone.
2. Exemptions shall be allowed for disabled persons as defined by Article 8, §2(b) of the Constitution of the state of Texas to the minimum extent allowed by Section 11.22 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Section 8. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED on first and final reading this the 29th day of September 2020.

Julie Masters, Mayor
City of Dickinson, Texas

ATTEST:

Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary
City of Dickinson, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

David W. Olson, City Attorney
City of Dickinson, Texas