

SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 13 August 2024

TIME COMMENCED: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: South Weber City Office @ 1600 East South Weber Drive, South Weber, UT

PRESENT: MAYOR:

Rod Westbroek

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jeremy Davis (excused)
Joel Dills
Blair Halverson
Angie Petty
Wayne Winsor

CITY MANAGER:

David Larson

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER:**

Lance Evans

COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Shaelee King

CITY ATTORNEY:

Jayme Blakesley

FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Brett Baltazar

DEPUTY RECORDER:

Raelyn Boman

CITY RECORDER:

Lisa Smith

Minutes: Michelle Clark

ATTENDEES: Gary Boatright, Paul Sturm, Teresa Moss, Becky Maw, Sue Heller, Ken Heller, Alan Wilson, Kirby Zygert, and Michael Grant.

Mayor Westbroek called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Westbroek

2. Prayer: Councilwoman Petty

City Manager, David Larson reviewed the value of a home and the property tax rate relationship. He noted Davis County assesses what is known as the certified tax rate and then the City Council makes the decision whether to accept it. Mr. Larson stated the City Council is considering restoring the South Weber City's property tax rate to the rate of 0.001441 from

2019. This rate is 12.01% higher than the county proposed certified tax rate. The City Council spoke about the property tax rate in the city council meeting held on June 25. Without going through a Truth in Taxation process, the property tax rate slowly decreases over time. The desire with this rate adjustment is to maintain the same level of service provided in property-tax-related governmental services while also battling inflation costs.

Councilman Winsor moved to open the public hearing on the proposed tax increase. Councilwoman Petty seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

----- PUBLIC HEARING -----

3. Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Increase

- a. Individuals may speak once for 3 minutes or less (Do no remark from the audience.)
- b. State your name & city and direct comments to entire Council. (They will not respond.)

Paul Sturm of South Weber City shared information he gathered concerning proposed property tax rates for various cities in Davis, Weber, and Morgan Counties. He relayed the average percentage increase for cities selected is 14.36% which means South Weber City is below the average.

Ken Heller of South Weber City lives in Bateman Estates which is managed by a homeowner's association (HOA). He questioned why he pays the same taxes as everyone in the city when the HOA plows the roads, not the city.

Lynn Poll of South Weber City queried where the extra money from the tax increase is going. He opined the city has a spending problem. He was concerned the city is not saving water with the size of parking strips and roads. He expressed the new road to the elementary school needs a gravel path for children to walk on. He suggested the City Council review ways to decrease spending in the city.

Michael Grant of South Weber City stated he has attended nearly every City Council meeting, and asserted the city is doing the best it can with the amount of money it has to work with. He announced when snow is removed from city streets onto vegetated park strips, water is collected and goes into the aquifer versus cement parking strips.

Gary Boatright of South Weber City remarked that General RV construction will soon be completed and bring tax revenue for the city. As a result, he suggested the City Council wait for a tax increase and see what impact that business will have on the city.

Alan Wilson of South Weber City did not understand the tax rate process. Mr. Larson explained the amount the city receives is intended to remain constant. As the value of a home increases, the county will automatically decrease the proposed tax rate so the amount the city receives is constant.

Teresa Moss of South Weber City stated utilities and property taxes are both going up and it does not seem to bridge that gap.

Becky Moreno of South Weber City asked if General RV is going to receive a tax break for ten years.

Councilman Halverson moved to close the public hearing on the proposed tax increase. Councilman Dills seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

----- PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED -----

Mayor Westbrook expressed the city is trying to maintain the services provided to citizens while spending wisely. He gave the example of new equipment which is on a rotation with the hope to break even or come out ahead. The property tax for the RV dealership is getting an exemption but will still pay sales tax to the city. Councilman Dills expressed the City Council is not unanimous on raising the rates.

Mayor Westbrook announced the final tax rate and budget will be adopted on August 27, 2024 at 6 p.m. during Council meeting at City Hall.

4. Adjourn

Councilman Winsor moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Councilwoman Petty seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

APPROVED: Rod Westbrook Date 09-10-2024
Mayor: Rod Westbrook



Attest:

Michelle Clark
Transcriber: Michelle Clark

Raelyn Boman
Deputy Recorder: Raelyn Boman