

City of Thrall
Public Hearing &
Special Called City Council Meeting
104 South Main Street
Thrall, Texas 76578
September 7, 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

THRALL CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Troy Marx-Present

Commissioner Anja Martin-Present

Commissioner Clay L. Karch-Absent (Excused)

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARE A QUORUM at 7:15 p.m.**

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

2. **WELCOME VISITORS AND VISITOR COMMENTS** **(Orange Sign In Card)**

This time is reserved for input to the Thrall City Council on items **not listed on the agenda.** Any items presented to the Thrall City Council are considered informational only and **may result** in placement on a future agenda for discussion and consideration. During this time the Thrall City Council may hear your concerns but **may not** respond to any comments and will defer to City Staff. Those wishing to speak during this time must complete an **Orange Sign In Card** and present to the City Secretary **prior** to the beginning of the meeting. All visitors will observe a three-minute time limit.

2.1. Remarks of Visitors-No public comment.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

3.1. Opened public hearing at 7:16 p.m. regarding the City of Thrall 2023 Proposed Tax Rate.

A tax rate of \$0.403332 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Thrall.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.403332 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.396356 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.403331 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Thrall from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Thrall may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Thrall is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

3.2. Closed public hearing at 7:18 p.m. regarding the City of Thrall 2023 Proposed Tax Rate.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

The Consent Agenda items listed below are considered to be routine by the Thrall City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by the Mayor and/or Commissioner, in which event, the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a Regular Agenda item(s).

4.1. Consideration and possible action regarding the approval of the minutes for the Public Hearing & Special Called City Council Meeting on August 23, 2023.

4.2. Consideration and possible action regarding **Resolution No. 2023-9-3** Appointing the official newspaper for the City of Thrall.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as read by the mayor with a second by Mayor Marx. Motion carried 2-0.

5. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS (Green Sign In Card)

This time is reserved for the public to speak to the Thrall City Council after the **regular agenda item** has been announced for consideration. Those wishing to speak must complete a **Green Sign In Card** and present the card to the City Secretary **prior** to the beginning of the meeting. All visitors will observe a three-minute time limit.

5.1. Consideration and possible action regarding **Ordinance No. 2023-9-1** making appropriations for the support of the City of Thrall for the fiscal year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 and adopting the annual budget of the City of Thrall for the 2024 fiscal year; providing for a publication clause, severability clause, and open meeting clause.

Mayor Marx read the caption of the ordinance, as required by law. Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the budget as presented with a second by Mayor Marx. Motion carried 2-0.

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| Mayor Marx | Aye |
| Commissioner Martin | Aye |
| Commissioner Karch | Absent |

- 5.2. Consideration and possible action regarding **Ordinance No. 2023-9-2** levying ad valorem taxes for the use and support of the municipal government for the City of Thrall for the Tax Year 2023; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purpose; and, providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid; and providing for a publication clause, severability clause, and repealing clause.

Mayor Marx read the caption of the ordinance, as required by law. Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the ordinance with the motion "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.422267, which is effectively a 0.204% increase in the tax rate" with a second by Mayor Marx. Motion carried 2-0.

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| Mayor Troy Marx | Aye |
| Commissioner Martin | Aye |
| Commissioner Karch | Absent |

- 5.3. Consideration and possible action regarding **Ordinance No. 2023-9-4** of the city of Thrall, Texas, establishing a fee schedule for the payment of all fees, costs and expenses for the development of property in the city; fees, costs and expenses shall be paid to the city according to the schedule adopted under this ordinance for all development fees which shall include subdivision development fees, permit fees, building fees, inspection fees and the fees set forth in this ordinance; providing for reimbursement to the city for any third party service cost which the city is required to obtain when the city determines the third party service is reasonable or necessary to provide any service set forth in this ordinance or regarding development within the city; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; providing a penalty of fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, except where a different penalty has been established by state law for such offense, or for any violation of any provision which governs public health or sanitation which shall be punished by penalty of fine not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); and providing for publication.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-9-4 as presented by the mayor with a second by Mayor Marx. Motion carried 2-0.

- 5.4. Consideration and possible action regarding **Ordinance No. 2023-9-5** prescribing rules and regulations governing plats, plans, and sub-divisions of land within the incorporated area of thrall, Texas, a and the land over which it has extraterritorial jurisdiction; containing definitions; providing for a preliminary plat, a final plat, and providing for final approval of plats; prescribing regulations for streets, lots, blocks, building lines, alleys, easements, sanitary utilities, and other improvements; providing for procedures for sub-division approval, and for variances and exceptions; providing that the city may refuse services to non-complying areas and for the enforcement by law; providing for a penalty clause for each violation hereof; repealing all conflicting ordinances; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

City Attorney, Mark Schroeder informed the Council that some of the fees in this ordinance are duplicated so with passage of the previous ordinance that we can make them consistent with what we just passed.

No action taken.

5.5. Consideration and possible action regarding the City of Thrall official appointment of CAPCOG's members designate General Assembly representative.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to appoint the Mayor, Troy Marx, as General Assembly Representative with a second by Mayor Marx. Motion carried 2-0.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Thrall City Council adjourned from its regular session and convened into Closed/Executive Session at 7:29 p.m., to discuss the following Item(s), pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter:

6.1. Discussion regarding a water contract with the City of Taylor. 551.071 [Litigation and certain consultation with attorney]

Discussion only, no action taken during executive session.

7. FINAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM(S)

Thrall City Council reconvened into its regular session at 8:09 p.m. to consider and possible action on the following Item(s):

7.1. Consideration and possible action regarding a water contract with the City of Taylor. 551.071 [Litigation and certain consultation with attorney]

No action taken.

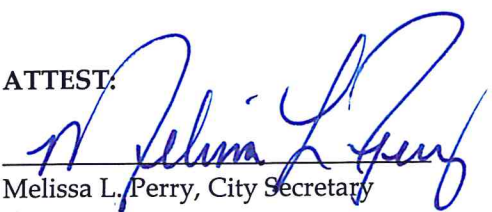
8. ADJOURNMENT at 8:11 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED on this the 19 day of October, 2023.

CITY OF THRALL


Troy Marx, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melissa L. Perry, City Secretary

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