



**City of Hawkins**  
**City Council Minutes**  
**September 16, 2024**



On this day September 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm, Mayor Debbie Rushing called a Regular City Council Meeting to order with council members Greg Branson, Eric Maloy, Eleta Taylor, Clara Kay, and Meredith Hancock. The department heads present were Norma Hallmark, Ty Musick, Mike Maberry and Mandy Thomas. Paul Holland was not present.

Councilmember Clara Kay gave the invocation.

U.S. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Deb Rushing.

Mayor Deb Rushing let the citizens on the speaking list discuss items on the agenda.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Contact for City 911 Database Maintenance between the City of Hawkins and East Texas Council of Governments; seconded by Councilmember Meredith Hancock. The motion passed.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to approve the garbage rate increase of 5% per Consumer price Index with the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal. Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to approve Jesse Casey for Texas Municipal League Region 15 Director Election. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of minutes from August 19, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting and the Financial Reports. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Wood County to assist the City of Hawkins for Boom work on Woodbine, Raymer, Betty, Jeffery, Cumbie, and Francis Streets through December 31, 2024; Seconded by Councilmember Eleta Taylor. The motion passed.

Councilmember Eric Maloy reviewed, discussed, and considered the award of a construction contract with 7-H Construction for Hawkins ISD Waterline Replacement. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the Departmental Monthly Reports; seconded by Councilmember Greg Branson. The motion passed.

Mayor Deb Rushing opened a public hearing for the Budget Fiscal year 2024-2025. No Citizen input. Mayor Deb Rushing closed the public hearing.



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Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-0916 adopting the annual budget for the City of Hawkins, Texas for fiscal year 2024-2025. Councilmember Clara Kay seconded the motion. The called votes as follows: Councilmembers Greg Branson- Yes; Eleta Taylor- Yes; Eric Maloy-Yes; Clara Kay- Yes and Meredith Hancock- Yes. The motion passed.

Mayor Deb Rushing opened a public hearing for the property tax rate for the fiscal year 2024-2025. No citizen input. Mayor Deb Rushing closed the public hearing.

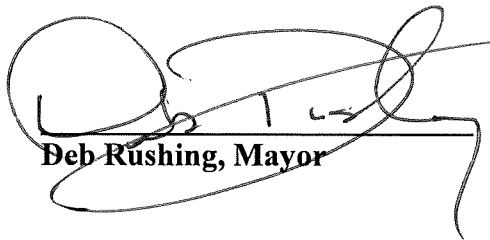
Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2024-1609 final adoption and setting the tax rate for fiscal year 2024-2025 at \$0.8433 per \$100 valuation; Seconded by Councilmember Meredith Hancock. The called vote as follows: Greg Branson- Yes; Eleta Taylor- Yes; Eric Maloy- Yes; Clara Kay-Yes and Meredith Hancock- Yes. The motion passed.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to approve of adopting the final budget for fiscal year 2024-2025; seconded by Councilmember Eric Maloy. The motion passed.

Resignation of Becky Attaway.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Clara Kay. The motion passed.

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**Deb Rushing, Mayor**

Attest:



**Mandy Thomas, City Secretary**