



City of Post, Texas

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget

General Fund \$4,485,264.03

Water and Sewer Fund \$2,263,767.85

2022-2023 Total Combined Operating Budget \$6,749,031.88

2021-2022 (Last year), Total Combined Operating Budget \$7,690,374.00

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$133,459, 8.5% and of that amount \$796,018 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Proposed Tax Rate	.637910 per \$100
Last Year's Tax Rate	.584037 per \$100
No-New Revenue Tax Rate	.525482 per \$100
Voter-Approval Tax Rate	.623868 per \$100
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City of Post, Budget Workshop Notes

August 15, 2022

2022-2023 CITY OF POST BUDGET NOTES

REVENUE SOURCES

1. Ad Valorem Tax Collection

Last year tax rate: .584037 estimate revenue of \$645,904

All this revenue goes to the general fund (10 Departments: Administration, Public Safety, Fire Department, Parks/Recreation, Library, Cemetery, Street, Sanitation, Landfill and Airport.

We are proposing to set the **ad valorem tax rate at .637910** in which will raise taxes and bring in an **ad valorem tax revenue of \$779,363**. This will bring in an **additional \$133,459 to the 2022-2023 Annual Budget**.

Most of the general fund (as in most cities) is dedicated to Public Safety

- a. Code Enforcement, City Judge Admin \$114,330
 - b. Law Enforcement \$548,500
 - c. Emergency Management \$32,000
 - d. EMS \$55,000
 - e. Fire Department \$127,298
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2. Other Large Capital Improvements and Expenditures
 - a. New landfill cell \$1,000,000 (2023)
 - b. In ten years, a new landfill cell will need to be rebuilt (2033, \$ 1,200,000+)
 - c. Landfill equipment payments \$149,015
 - d. Street improvements (new chipseal) \$130,000
 - e. Cemetery Budget \$217,360
 - f. Library Budget \$100,551
 - g. Parks Budget \$239,779
 - h. Social Services: Trailblazers \$20,000, Community Recovery Center \$15,000, Summer youth program \$10,000
 - i. Debt Services I&S \$393,626

3. CEDC and Sales Tax Revenues and distribution estimate Total \$1,225,000

The City of Post is very dependent upon the collection of sales tax. The city has budgeted \$1,225,000 in collections this year. Most of these sales tax dollars come from the sale of fuel, food, and retail. As an economic development incentive, we want more travelers to pull off the highway and make purchases in our convenience stores, restaurants, and downtown retail. We always promote Shop at Home and Support Local Business campaigns, please follow **#Letsgotopost** on Facebook.

The restructuring of the CEDC is on the November 2022 ballot. The proposition is to give more flexibility toward economic development 4-B projects. The current CEDC funds are dedicated only toward water and sewer infrastructure.

The CEDC is currently in existence where it collects sales tax for the General Fund, a portion in lieu of taxes and the CEDC Southland water debt. The city used reserve funds to pay off the Southland well field debt so that the CEDC funds could be freed up for other economic development projects. By paying off this Southland Well field bond early the city saved over \$500,000 in interest. The goal is to use the CEDC funds for multiple economic development projects that will build businesses in Post. The funds can still be used for water and sewer projects, road improvements that help build better infrastructure for business and commercial developments.

- a. \$612,500. 1% Sales Tax, for General Fund (stay the same)
- b. \$306,250. .050% Sales tax for EDC (dedicated for water, proposal for all 4-B Projects)
- c. \$306,250. .050% Sales tax in lieu of Property Tax, Goes to General Fund (stay the same)

On the ballot there is a proposal for the sale of beer, wine, and malt liquor to be sold in convenience stores for off premise use. This proposal will be on the November 2022 ballot for consideration. The city has estimated that the sales tax gained from the sale of beer and wine in conveyance stores may bring in an additional \$100,000 in sales tax to the city. This will help offset the closure of the prison commissary in which brought in roughly \$10,000 a month in sales tax. The new prison commissary may bring in some sales tax revenue, however it will be nowhere near the previous federally prison commissary regulations and requirements.

4. Other City Revenues for the General Fund:

- a. Oil Royalties \$380,000
- b. Sanitation Fees \$434,979
- c. Landfill Fees \$20,000
- d. Court Fines and fees \$210,000

5. Water and Sewer Revenue

- a. Water proposed revenue \$1,422,627.15
- b. Sewer proposed revenue \$ 454,835.00

REVENUE LOSES

6. Redevelopment Budget with anticipation of prison closures

Total loss of Revenue from Dalby Unit Estimation \$748,800

- Water and wastewater revenue (\$46,000 to 60,000 per month) \$600,000 loss
- reduction in garbage revenue (\$2400 per month) \$28,800 loss
- Dalby Commissary closure (\$10,000 per month) sales tax \$120,000 loss

This is roughly \$600,000 in FUND 60, Water and Wastewater Budget

This is roughly \$148,800 in the General Fund Budget

REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS/ INCREASES

7. Convenience Store beer and wine sales estimated impact on sales tax, \$100,000

8. Increases in fees

- a. Solid Waste Fee per individual \$5.00 increase
- b. Tax rate increase, \$133,459
- c. Water \$8.00 increase
- d. Wastewater \$8.00 increase (TOTAL IS 16.00 INCREASE)
- e. Water rack sales increase from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per 250 gallons
- f. Bulk rate water sales new rate \$5.00 per 240 gallons, 40 per month meter rental and \$600 deposit

9. BUDGET DEFICIT

- a. If the above fees are ALL approved, the general fund is still setting at a \$171,993.30 deficit and the water fund is \$83,733.33. These funds will be taken out of reserves to balance the budget. The Dalby Facility coming back online will significantly improve the city revenues and keep from pulling from reserves.

10. Budget Increases are due to

- a. 13% increase for TML Medical for all employees
- b. 3% increase for TML property tax, Property and Liability Insurances
- c. 3% increase to TMRS retirement system, all employees
- d. Fuel increase
- e. Supplies, Services and Goods
- f. Increase in two additional staff members: Code Enforcement and Fleet Mechanic (one city employee position was cut)
- g. Increase in firefighters' wages and call out per run
- h. Equipment and lease purchases, landfill equipment, pickup purchases
- i. Increase in Slaton water purchase
- j. Loss of Water, Sewer, Sales Tax and Garbage revenue from Dalby Prison closure
- k. Cost of Oil and gas has increased the price of all petroleum products making the cost of PVC water pipe more expensive as well as street paving oils and rock
- l. Sales Tax loss due to Old Mill Trade Days closure

11. Strategies for the City

- a. Get the Dalby Correctional Facility Back up and running
- b. Water and Sewer line Infrastructure replacement, ARPA \$900,000
- c. Water feasibility study, get Southland well field up and running to offset water purchase cost and look for water sustainability
- d. Build new landfill and set aside funds for another in 10 years
- e. Apply for grants that bring in funds for city water infrastructure
- f. Redeveloped CEDC, Caprock Economic Development Corporation
- g. Connect the Dots Economic Development Summits
- h. Increase Sales Tax opportunities, pop-up businesses
- i. Support local businesses, create opportunities for families to supplement income such as Farmers market, special events.
- j. Market and create special events. Christmas Lights, Shopping and Food and GAS
- k. Strengthen Code enforcement and overall appearance of town
- l. Continue Street maintenance, Chip Seal program \$130,000
- m. Fire hydrant replacement
- n. Paint City Hall and Community Center Exterior

12. Marketing, Post-it! and #letsgotopost

Please follow the Facebook **Post-it!** City of Post page to keep up with special events and announcements. We often share other post that help market our city, merchants, school district and special events. When you **#letsgotopost** your post will get clustered in with other Post, Texas groups and shared events. Please help promote our city, schools, and community alike.