

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-0926-2

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS, DEBT OF THE CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; APPROPRIATING SAID LEVY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE, PROVIDING FOR THE TIME AND MANNER OF PAYING THE AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION BY CAPTION ONLY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Assessor-Collector of taxes has duly compiled and theretofore delivered to the Board of Review, the tax assessment rolls and lists for the city for the year 2017 and said board thereupon examined, corrected, and approved such rolls and lists in the manner, and following the procedure required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the city council has duly approved said rolls and adopted same as the assessment rolls to be used for collection of taxes for year 2017; and

WHEREAS, such assessment of rolls lists a total tax base value for the City of Littlefield of \$160,614,964; and

WHEREAS, the city council finds that tax for the year 2017, hereinafter levied for current maintenance and operations expenses of the city and the general improvement of the city and its property must be levied to provide the revenue requirements of the budget for the ensuing year; and

WHEREAS, the city council further finds that the taxes for the year 2017, hereinafter levied therefore, are necessary to pay interest and to provide the required sinking fund on outstanding bonds of the city issued for municipal purposes;

WHEREAS, the city council further finds that the taxes for the year 2017, hereinafter levied therefore, are necessary to pay debt of outstanding bonds of the city issued for municipal purposes;

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

SECTION ONE

There is hereby assessed and levied, and there shall be collected as provided by law, an ad valorem tax for the year 2017 on all property situated within the city limits of Littlefield, on January 1, 2017 and the rate to be exempted by the Constitution of the State of Texas or other laws applicable to the City of Littlefield, Texas.

SECTION TWO

The taxes herein are assessed and levied according to the City Charter and shall become due on the 1st day of October, 2017, and may be paid up to and including the 31st day of January, 2018, without penalty; but if not so paid, such taxes will become delinquent on the 1st day of February, 2018, and the following penalty shall be payable therein, to wit: if paid during the month of February, six percent (6%) of the past year delinquent taxes; during March, seven percent (7%) of the past year delinquent taxes; during April, eight percent (8%) of the past year delinquent taxes; during May, nine percent (9%) of the past year delinquent taxes; during June, ten percent (10%) of the past year delinquent taxes; and after the 1st day of July, 2018, twelve percent (12%) of the past year delinquent taxes. Such unpaid taxes shall bear interest at the rate of one percent each month until the rate of twelve percent (12%) is reached. Thereafter, such unpaid taxes shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum. Also collected, starting July 1, are attorney fees of 20% of the total tax levy, penalty, and interest.

SECTION THREE

The taxes, penalty, and interest, if any, shall constitute a first and prior lien against the property upon which the tax is assessed.

SECTION FOUR

All the rights and powers available to cities and towns as provided in the Constitution of the State of Texas and all the statutes for enforcement and collection of taxes, penalty, and interest shall be available to said city and its officers to enforce collection thereof.

SECTION FIVE

That the tax so levied shall be apportioned to the following uses:

A. For the purpose of paying the interest and providing a sinking fund for the payment of debt of all outstanding general obligation bonds:

Total Bond Debt Requirement \$0.0866

B. To pay the general expenses of the city government as provided by the budget for this fiscal year ending September 30, 2017:

General operating expenses \$0.6710

Total Tax Levy \$0.7576


PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this the 26th day of September, 2017.

APPROVED:



Eric Turpen, MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Secretary

