



MINUTES

August 23, 2023

TRUTH IN TAXATION

PUBLIC HEARING

Oakley City Council

8:00 PM

Oakley City Hall

Anchor Location: 960 West Center Street, Oakley UT 84055

In Attendance:

City Administration: Mayor Zane Woolstenhulme, Councilmembers: Joe Frazier, Kelly Kimber, Tom Smart; Steve Wilmoth; Councilmember Dave Neff

City Staff: City Recorder, Amy Rydalch.

Members of the Public in Attendance: Chris Hansen, Joanne Aplanalp, Brent Turner; VIA ZOOM: Deb Sheldon, Taw Anderson

1. Mayor Woolstenhulme Opened the meeting.

2. TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

A. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE: Mayor Woolstenhulme

Mayor Woolstenhulme explained the truth in taxation law is designed to prevent increases in property values from automatically resulting in windfall tax revenue for taxing entities. It requires public notice and aims to maintain a balance between revenue and property value changes.

The presentation provided historical data on taxable values over the past 10-11 years, illustrating how values have increased over time. He highlighted the average increase in home values, with the average market value of homes in the area rising significantly. A comparison of tax rates among various taxing entities in the area was shown, with a focus on those that had undergone or were undergoing the truth in taxation process.

39 The impact of the proposed property tax change on taxpayers was also discussed. The tax rate was
40 noted to be maintained at the same level as the previous year. The average homeowner's annual tax
41 impact was calculated to be an additional \$64 per year or \$5 per month.

42 The additional revenue generated from the property tax change was earmarked for public safety and
43 other infrastructure needs. The presentation also touched on available programs to assist eligible
44 individuals, such as the elderly, veterans, and those with limited income, in paying their property tax
45 bills.

46 Upon conclusion of the presentation **Mayor Woolstenhulme** opened the hearing for Public Comment.

47 **B. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

48 **Joanne Aplanalp, resident 4337 N River Road, Oakley UT**, asked for clarification on other entities
49 certified tax rates. She also asked about the relief programs and whether they were federal, state,
50 county or local programs. The city response was that relief programs are available from all the above.
51 She feels strongly that people need to be made aware of the programs especially with the significant
52 increases recently in property values.

53 **Mayor Woolstenhulme** asked if there were any further comments from the Public. Receiving none, he
54 closed the public hearing.

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56 **C. RESOLUTION 2023-06: ADOPTION OF THE OAKLEY CITY BUDGET AND CERTIFIED TAX RATE**
57 **FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

58 **Councilmember Frazier** motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-06 Oakley City Budget and Certified Tax
59 Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. **Councilmember Kimber** seconded the motion. No further discussion.
60 **All voted in favor. Resolution Adopted.**

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62 **Councilmember Wilmoth** briefly informed Councilmembers of the Fireworks West contract for the
63 fireworks for the 2024 Rodeo and the slight increase in pricing.

64 **Mayor Woolstenhulme** asked resident **Rick Shapiro**, a member of the outreach committee, to briefly
65 summarize the status of the City survey. **Mr. Shapiro** summarized the process and informed Council
66 that the survey would be available to the public just after Labor Day.

67 **3. Meeting Adjourned.**

68 Approval is to form this 27 day of September, 2023.


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Zane Woolstenhulme, Mayor


Amy Rydalch, City Recorder