



June 27, 2024

Special called Session 5:30 PM

GODLEY CITY COUNCIL



CITY OF GODLEY, TEXAS
City Council Meeting Agenda
SPECIAL CALLED SESSION – 5:30 p.m.
June 27, 2024

The Godley City Council will hold a Special Called Session at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 200 W. Railroad Ave., Godley, Texas on Thursday, June 27, 2024. This meeting is open to the public and subject to the Open Meeting Act. *Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Council may convene an Executive Session at any time during the meeting as deemed necessary to obtain advice from the City Attorney regarding any posted agenda item.*

SPECIAL CALLED SESSION – 5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Call to order and announce a quorum is present.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss and consider taking action by adopting Ordinance 06-2024-118 by approving residential general homestead property tax exemption and percentage for the City.**
- B. Discuss and consider taking action by adopting Resolution R-06-2024-16 approving a parade route to be used for any parades proposed through the city.**
- C. Discuss and consider taking action on nomination and replacement of Shawn Holden’s position on the Godley Economic Development Board of Directors.**

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, Chapter 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney on pending or contemplated litigation, settlement officer, or a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with Chapter 551) Section 551.072 (discussions about the value or transfer of real property); Section 551.073 (discussions about a prospective gift or donation to a governmental body); Section 551.074 (discussions about security, employment, evaluation reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee) Section 551.076 (discussion about security, personnel, security devices, or a security audit), Section 551.087 (discussions of certain economic development matters), Section 418.0183 (f) (discussion of emergencies and disasters) of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act), executive session may be held, under these exceptions, at any time during the meeting that a need arises for the city council to discuss posted subject matter of this city council meeting.

Reconvene into open session for possible action resulting from any items posted and legally discussed in executive session.

1. Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney;
2. Section 551.072 Deliberation about Real Property
3. Section 551.073 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts;
4. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; **Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer: Danny Armstrong.**
5. Section 551.076 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits;
6. Section 551.087 Discussion Regarding Economic Development Negotiations

XI. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney;
2. Section 551.072 Deliberation about Real Property
3. Section 551.073 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts;
4. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; **Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer: Danny Armstrong.**

- 5. Section 551.076 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits;
- 6. Section 551.087 Discussion Regarding Economic Development Negotiations

ADJOURNMENT

Certification:

I hereby certify that the above notice was posted on the bulletin board, at the Godley City Hall, 200 West Railroad Ave., Godley, Texas 76044, on _____, 2024 _____ am/pm and remained so posted at least 72 hours before said meeting was convened. **NOTICE:** Godley City Hall is wheelchair accessible and special parking is available at the Front of the of the building. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the City Secretary’s Office a minimum of 24 hours before the meeting and every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

Brittany Gross, City Secretary

Certification of Notice of Meeting was removed on _____, 2024 at _____ a.m. /p.m. by _____.

Godley, Texas City Council

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: June 27, 2024

Agenda Item: II. A

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SUBJECT: Discuss and consider taking action by adopting Ordinance 06-2024-118, approving residential general homestead property tax exemption and percentage for the City.

BACKGROUND:

This was discussed at the regular meeting on June 18, 2024; it was the consensus that this is brought back to the City Council to consider. Staff was asked about the current exemptions that we allow, from the CAD estimates that were sent to the city, the over 65 Local exemption is 149 and value of \$1,395,000.00; there are 45 Disabled Veteran's value of \$445,000.00; and there are 43 Disabled Vet HS value of \$17,948,309.00. Council just recently approved the exemption for Disabled and those values were not calculated at the time of the estimates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends setting the exemption at 10% or not less than 5,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2023-24 Johnson County Rates and Exemptions

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2024-118

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GODLEY, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD AD VALOREM (PROPERTY) TAX EXEMPTION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS/REPEALING CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Godley (the “City”) is a Type A general law municipality located in Johnson County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Section 11.13(n) of the Texas Tax Code authorizes the City to adopt an exemption from taxation of a portion of the appraised value of an individual’s residence homestead located within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously adopted an exemption from City ad valorem taxation in an amount equal to the greater of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or 10 percent (10%) of the appraised value of the residence homestead; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be advantageous and beneficial to the City and its residents to adopt a residential homestead ad valorem (property) tax exemption in accordance with Section 11.13(n) of the Texas Tax Code, as set forth below.

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

SECTION 1.

The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2.

In addition to any other exemption provided by Texas law or City ordinance, the owner of a residence homestead shall be entitled to an exemption from City ad valorem taxation in an amount equal to the greater of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or ten percent (10%) of the appraised value of the residence homestead, subject to the limitations set forth in Texas law, including Section 11.13(n) of the Texas Tax Code, as it exists or may be amended. The exemption shall be granted to any such residential homestead and the improvements qualifying for same as provided by law.

SECTION 3.

The exemption set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance shall become effective beginning with the 2024 tax year, and shall remain effective for each successive tax year until otherwise

amended or repealed by the City Council or other appropriate authority.

SECTION 4.

All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent prosecution from being commenced for any violation occurring prior to the repeal of the ordinance. Any remaining portions of conflicting ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5.

Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional and/or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, regardless of whether any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases is declared unconstitutional and/or invalid.

SECTION 6.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Christopher Lenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brittany Gross, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lindsey Hale, City Attorney

Godley, Texas City Council

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: June 18, 2024

Agenda Item: II. B

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SUBJECT: Discuss and consider taking action by Adopting Resolution R06-2024-16 approving a parade route to be used for any Special Event parades proposed through the city and or Special Events held on city property.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular meeting on June 18, 2024, City Staff proposed that the city designate a parade route to be used for any special events, such as those sponsored by the city, school district, chamber of commerce or sports clubs and require that an application be made for the parade; giving city staff proper notification of said parade and/ or Special Event on City property. This provides proper notification and approval from TxDot if needed, traffic control and public safety preparation of said parade. The proposed designated parade route, provides a safe route that has been recommended by both Police Chief Cantrell and Fire Chief Thompson and former Public Works Director Shawn Holden.

From a Public Safety perspective this proposed route takes in consideration traffic flow through the city and a designated point of disbanding the parade.

The route for consideration, will begin at R.B. Godley Elementary, where the parade participants would have space to line up, it travels on Highpoint Drive, on to W. Links, then to North Main past the park; on to South Main and finally onto W. Railroad, where participants disband to either park their floats, provide a pick-up area for parents to meet their children from the parade here at City Hall area. This route can be shortened, if needed for smaller parades beginning on East Allen, at the park area, however still following the route and disbanding at the same area.

The proposed route, with police traffic control will have the ability to move traffic coming from Highway 171 to South Main giving an option to direct them onto West Railroad, either East or West bound to avoid traffic congestion there at the Railroad crossing. Finally, there would only be one (1) TxDot road closure request that being North/South Main Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

CONCLUSION:

Staff requests considering the adoption of Resolution R06-2024-16 approving a parade to be used for any parades proposed through the city.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution R06-2024-16 Proposed Parade Route

RESOLUTION NO. R-06-2024-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GODLEY, TEXAS, APPROVING AN OFFICIAL PARADE ROUTE TO BE USED FOR ALL PARADES PROPOSED THROUGH THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Godley is responsible for the welfare of its citizens and for the safe and efficient administration and management of parades within the City by designating a specific route for parades; and

WHEREAS, the current route used for parades is not compliant with current Texas Department of Transportation regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to designate a new parade route that follows Texas Department of Transportation requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GODLEY, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

The City Council of Godley has reviewed the proposed parade route, attached to this resolution as Exhibit A. This route shall be used for any parade taking place within the City of Godley.

SECTION 2.

The parade route attached to this resolution as Exhibit A shall be effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Christopher Lenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brittany Gross, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lindsey Hale, City Attorney

Godley, Texas City Council

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: June 18, 2024

Staff Contact:

Angela Winkle, CPM, City
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Agenda Item: II. C

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SUBJECT: Discuss and consider taking action on nomination and replacement of Shawn Holden's position on the Godley Economic Development Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND:

Public Works Director Shawn Holden was appointed to replace Brittany Gross as a Board member on the Economic Development Board of Directors. Shawn resigned his position with the city, and with that we will need to replace him on the board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

CONCLUSION:

Staff requests considering appointment to replace Shawn Holden, former Public Works Director.

ATTACHMENTS: