

**Harris City Council
Truth-in-Taxation Public Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** City Clerk Shannon Geier conducted roll call. Present were Mayor Randy Carlson, Councilmember Diane Miller, Councilmember David Maack, Councilmember Al Siedow, and Councilmember Garret Pearson. City Clerk Geier confirmed that a quorum was present.
4. **Presentation of the 2025 Tax Levy Information:**
 - City Treasurer Sue Riesing presented the 2025 tax levy information, noting that there were no changes from the previous presentation.
 - Don Cardinal inquired about the status of the 2024 budget. Treasurer Riesing reported that the projected year-end balance for the 2024 General Fund is over budget by \$57,163. The projected balances for individual departments are as follows: (plus sign = under budget; minus sign = over budget)
 - Council: +\$831
 - Police Support: +\$554
 - Public Works: +\$3,371
 - Building/Zoning Administration: +\$2,523
 - Elections: -\$350
 - City Clerk: -\$4,001
 - City Hall (General): -\$4,213
 - Parks: -\$5,410
 - Fire Department: -\$50,467No further discussion followed.
 - Jim Swing raised concerns regarding tax increases on three of his parcels. Nothing has changed on any of the parcels, but the values have gone down, and the taxes have increased. Craig Moline was present and explained to Swing that property tax rates are partly determined by property classifications, such as agricultural or wetland, which are controlled by the State.

5. **Adjourn:** Siedow made a motion to adjourn. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor Carlson adjourned the Truth in Taxation Public Meeting at 7:19 pm.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Randy Carlson - Mayor

Date Approved

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