Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Lamesa will hold a public hearing a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 8.01 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 601 S. 1st, Lamesa, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 1, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 601 S. 1st, Lamesa, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Mayor Kelvin Barkowsky, Council Members – Marie

Briseno, Dave Nix, Greg Hughes, Tony Hernandez,

Robert Moreno

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Josh Stevens

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in <u>Lamesa</u>, <u>Texas</u> last year was \$32,538.71. Based on last years tax rate of \$0.7243 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$235.68.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in this year is \$35,712.02. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.672212 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$240.06.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.7243 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$258.67.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.