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To: CoHC City Secretary; +2 others

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High importance

Property Tax Code and Proposing a Tax Rate V

Under Code §26.05, a taxing unit's governing body must adopt a tax rate within certain deadlines (usually by September 30 or 60 days after receiving special deadlines for rates above the "voter-approval" threshold) and the rate to be set after the unit has drafted and adopted a budget, as separate from the vote on the budget. [TX Public Law](#)

A taxing unit cannot legally propose a property tax rate without following the process. It is a statutory requirement for most local governments, as on the budget's needs — including maintenance and operations. [TX Public Law](#)

2nd Submission of Agenda Action Items for the
9/15/26 Regular Session 3rd Submission since
August 10, 2026 for Agenda Action Items

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Subject: Agenda Action items 9/15/26

I am resubmitting again, Agenda Action Items, from the un announced cancellation of 8/18/26 regular council session the following items.

I am requesting the following be placed on the agenda for 9/15/26

- Removal of the \$10 upcharge to make additional revenue off the trash bill. This item remains and was moved out of a line billing fee charge into a NON valid garbage service charge. Republic Waste increase of .86 was covered under previous billing and there was NO \$10 increase. It is against the Texas local government code and was detailed out in the Attorney General Opinion that Cities can NOT make money off of utilities. Our Maintenance and Operations taxation pay for ANY and ALL line items in that regard. THIS IS WHERE WE SHOULD HAVE LINE ITEMS ON OUR BUDGET SO THAT WE CAN GO BACK TO OUR BUDGET AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS I passed out open records regarding this in last session. Once of which was the actual Republic Waste invoice and breakdown document showing the .86 cents. D/C/A

- Budget for 2027 HAS NOT been presented to council for discussion or action. I am asking for ALL FINANCIALS THAT WERE GIVEN TO STEPHANIE HOLBROOK, at the county tax office that was used to figure our taxes be given to

that was used to figure our taxes **be given to council at the 9/15/26 council session**. You can not figure our property taxes without a Budget first, per the finance codes on the Texas Local Government Code. It doesn't matter that we have a contract with the County or not. We, **the council**, should have had the budget done prior to the contracted date that THEY WANT and by the deadlines that the state makes. Y'all know that and you continue to refuse to have a budget prior to taxation. THE USDA PROFORMA BUDGET DOES NOT COUNT FOR STATE TAXATION. The Budget is to be acted upon by Council it is state law. **D/C**

- The 2026 TAX RATE THAT WAS POSTED ON A BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE IS NOT HOW THINGS SHOULD BE HANDLED. ALL OF IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN INDIVIDUALLY TO COUNCIL FIRST. NOT GIVEN TO HUNT COUNTY TO FIGURE OUR TAXES AND TELL US WHAT IT IS TO BE. COUNCIL MAKES THOSE DETERMINATIONS. TAX CODE 26.05 ATTACHED REGARDING PROPERTY TAXES AS DISCUSSED IN 9/4/26 SPECIAL SESSION **D/C**
- Termination of the Quinlan Volunteer Fire Dept

contract original and the piggy back contract with Tawakoni Fire needs to be brought before council and should have never been signed off on by anyone until council saw it first to determine its acceptance. QVFD is in operable. We, as a city, are covered for fire protection services, at this point by the County Taxes we pay, and by 3 volunteer fire depts. At the 8/18/26 council session. **D/C/A**

- **Angela Massey's employment contract needs to be given to each council member at the 9/15/26 council session. She was not presented to council as a CITY OFFICER for Employment.**
- The Hunt County Emergency Management Hazardous Mitigation Plan and all of the participant contacts that were given to them. All electronic emails, online county and state contacts, and paper documents since 12/2/25 that has been going on without council's knowledge; **needs to be given to council on 9/15/26 due to 8 months of activity between the City and HCEM and TDEM. D/C/A**

- HCPD Officer Goodson's, CONTRACT (s) and standing with the City as supposed Code Enforcement Officer for Hawk Cove, as the TDLR has NO listing for him. Also, his credentials as the NEW Sewer Operator and when his employment began . It is PUBLIC notice as an independent contractor **to be given to council at the 9/15/26 council meeting.**

Respectfully,

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City of Hawk Cove

