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WHO TO CALL

City Hall/Utilities	817-444-2541
Police/Fire	911
(Non-emergency)	817-444-3221
Animal Control	817-444-8215
Permits	817-444-4128
Public Library	817-444-7216
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CITY HOLIDAYS

Azle Municipal Offices will close:

THANKSGIVING
November 28-29

CHRISTMAS **NEW YEAR'S**
December 24-25 January 1

Police and Fire services will be available by calling 817-444-3221, or 911 in case of emergency. For water/sewer emergencies, please call 817-444-3221. Community Waste Disposal will **NOT** run their regular trash route on these holidays.

City of Azle Quarterly Newsletter

October 2019



City Council Adopts 2019-2020 Budget

Azle City Council adopted the City's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget at the September 17, 2019 council meeting. The City of Azle's Fiscal Year begins October 1 and ends September 30. The goal in preparing this budget was to maintain levels of service and make improvements where possible. Overall, operating revenues are projected to rise moderately across all funds. 2018 appraised property values increased \$85,459,785 (9.62%) from 2017 values, of which \$35,178,918 was new construction. As a result, Council approved a combined tax rate of \$0.657204 per \$100 for FY2019-2020. The proposed rate is \$0.0100 less than the FY 2018-19 adopted tax rate; however, it will raise \$472,117 more in property tax revenue due to increased property values and new construction. The City continues to be on a solid financial foundation as we prepare for the coming year.

City Council and Staff work together to plan and prepare for the current and future needs of this growing city by managing growth and development, encouraging economic development, identifying and addressing infrastructure needs, and maintaining a financially sound and stable government.

With that in mind, some accomplishments over the past year include:

- ✓ Construction continued on the Municipal Complex which includes separate buildings for City Hall and Police Department. Construction cost is about \$12.6 million with completion by October 2019
- ✓ Completed street overlays on Denver Trl, Shady Ln, Pine Ridge Dr, and a reclamation project on Avondale. Streets resurfaced last year were Kerry Ln, Lake Wood, Sportsman Park, and Lamplighter
- ✓ Three (3) Firefighter positions were added to enhance firefighter safety and better manage fire/accident scenes
- ✓ Began construction on the Main St Waterline Improvement Project as well as a waterline extension on FM 730
- ✓ Traffic signal boxes throughout the City were "wrapped" with area photos to beautify the community
- ✓ Implemented a new compensation plan for employees as a result of a market study

FY 2019-2020 Budget includes:

- ✓ Funding for five (5) new positions - HR Generalist (currently a part-time position), Controller, Assistant Library Director, and two (2) police officers
- ✓ Capital projects include completion of the Municipal Complex and the Main St/FM 730S water line improvement projects
- ✓ Through the Street Maintenance Fund, improvements will be made to Gordon Dr, Rhoades St, Polly Ave, Toronto Rd, Victoria Ave, Ridgeway Ave, Valley View Ct, Crestview Pl, Blue Meadow Dr, North & South Melanie Dr and Lee Ct
- ✓ Major maintenance projects include the continued slip lining of sewer lines on Redbird Ln and several sections of Northwest Parkway
- ✓ Funding for two (2) police vehicles, an ambulance, a half-ton truck for Vehicle Maintenance Dept, a 3/4 ton truck for the Parks Dept, a half-ton truck for Wastewater Plant, and several mowers for the Golf Course
- ✓ Stormwater rates will increase by \$2 to a new base rate of \$5.50 and Sewer Consumption Rate will increase by \$.05 to \$2.52

Azle has a lot to offer and every effort is being made to promote this community. Staff has worked hard to create a budget that will provide the services our citizens have come to expect, and they will continue to seek improvements where they can be found. For a complete look at the FY2019-2020 budget, visit the city's website.

Public Meetings

City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Agendas are posted the Friday before a meeting on the website and on the bulletin board at City Hall. Agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes of previous meetings are available on the city website.

Other Monthly Meetings

Planning & Zoning meets the first and third Thursday of the month.

Crime Control & Prevention District meets the second Thursday of each month.

Municipal Development District meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Parks & Recreation meets the third Monday of each month.

**Meetings listed above are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 613 SE Parkway.*

Library Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the Azle Memorial Library.



Azle makes BackgroundChecks.org's "Safest Cities in Texas" list

BackgroundChecks.org. has released their "Safest Cities in Texas" report, part of a nation-wide study where they analyzed over 2,900 U.S. cities in total. They found that within Texas, Azle ranks #25 in the top twenty-five safest cities in Texas, regardless of size.

A number of companies publish annual reviews of local, state and national crime reports using different methodologies, so results vary. The City of Azle, however, is very pleased to be recognized by BackgroundChecks.org for the great work our Azle police officers, employees and citizens are doing to make Azle a safer, better place to live.



The Azle Police Department has joined Neighbors by Ring!



Neighbors by Ring

Neighbors by Ring is the Neighborhood Watch App that sends real-time crime and safety notifications directly to your phone.

Join the Azle P.D. on the Neighbors App by texting **AZLETX** to **555888** or visit <https://download.ring.com/azle> today.



Stormwater Utility Fees and Sewer Usage Rate to increase October 16

The City of Azle's 2019-2020 budget includes an increase to the stormwater utility fees and sewer usage rate; water rates remain unchanged.

Effective October 16, the minimum monthly residential stormwater utility fee will increase from \$3.50 to \$5.50 and the minimum monthly commercial fee will increase from \$7 to \$11. Revenue from the fee is used to maintain and improve the City's drainage system. Maintaining and improving this system helps prevent flooding and guards against property damage.

Monthly sewer usage rate will increase from \$2.47 to \$2.52 per 100 cubic feet, however, base rates remain unchanged. This increase is needed to meet the operating needs for the sewer utility system and to ensure adequate revenue to fund future system maintenance and improvements.

While rates go into effect on October 16, 2019, the actual increases will not be reflected until the November utility bill. For additional information, please contact Customer Service at 817-444-2541.

VISIT US ONLINE AT
WWW.CITYOFAZLE.ORG

Scan for more information on what's happening in the City of Azle.



Azle Memorial Library News and Events

333 W. Main Street / 817-444-7216

Discover more about the Library, plus a calendar of events at: www.azlelibrary.org

LIKE us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/azlelibrary

Free Programs @ the Azle Memorial Library:

A Matter of Balance Series

Meets Mondays & Fridays from 9:30-11:30 AM beginning 10/28 through 11/22. Join us for this 8-part series designed to help individuals manage falls, increase strength and balance, and make changes to reduce falling risks at home. Space is limited, so call the Library at 817-444-7216 to reserve your seat.

Book Clubs

Adults of all ages are invited to join us for a lively discussion of the month's book choice. Non-fiction club meets the first Thursday of every month at 6 PM, and fiction club meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6 PM. Upcoming titles listed at azlelibrary.org

What's Cookin'?

Adults are invited to learn about food history and cooking tips, get tested recipes, and try tasty samples. Meets at 4:30 PM in the Library Community Room.

11/11: Party Foods

12/9: Cookie Exchange (bring 2 doz. cookies & recipe to share)

Upcycled Greeting Cards—Holiday Edition

Thursday 12/12 @ 6 PM. Free! The Library will provide all the supplies needed to upcycle used greeting cards into new ones. Refreshments provided. Adults only.

Gift Wrap Central

- *Friday 12/20, 2-5:45 PM*
- *Saturday 12/21, 10 AM-12:30 PM*

Do you have presents to wrap for the holidays? Stop by the Library's "Gift Wrap Central" to wrap your gifts for free (5 gifts max per person). You bring the gifts and do the wrapping, and the Library will provide the wrapping paper, tape, scissors and other supplies. Free!

Free Programs Just for Kids:

READ to a Dog:

Children of all ages can read to a certified reading therapy dog on the second Saturday of each month from 2-3:30 PM.

LEGO Club:

All ages are invited to come on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM and build awesome things with LEGOs supplied by the Library.

ARTastic

For ages 5-12. All supplies provided to make an art project. Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 4:30 PM in the Library Community Room.

Fall Storytime:

Storytime takes place every Wednesday, and repeated on every Thursday. Toddlers (ages 18-36 months) at 10 AM, and Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6 years) at 10:45 AM. No storytime the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

Save the Date!

Santa at Your Library!

Tuesday 12/10 @ 6 PM

Join us for photos with Santa and Olaf (bring your own camera),



holiday crafts, and more at this FREE family event! Check our website or Facebook in late November for more details.

City Job Opportunities

Do you want to serve your community and have a rewarding career in our growing and thriving city? Maybe you or someone you know would be a perfect fit for our current open positions. Use the quick link on front of the City's website and take a look at our employment opportunities. The website is updated as positions become available - so visit often!

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