



**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING**

**CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
6:30 PM
CITY HALL
111 W. COLLIN ST.
LEONARD, TEXAS 75452**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, that the city council of the city of Leonard, Texas, will hold a special meeting and a public budget hearing at the above-named date, time, and location.

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order, Verification of Quorum
2. Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags
3. Open Forum – *This portion of the agenda is the public's opportunity to address the Council about any item except public hearings. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing begins. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker unless otherwise required by law. Per the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council cannot act on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. Texas Government Code Sec. 551.007 (Texas Open Meetings Act 2020).*

4. Consent Agenda

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| a. Approve SH-69 Sewer Line Extension Project Pay Application No. 3 for \$82,933.10 due to Dickerson Construction Company, Inc., for work on the sewer line from July 4, 2025, to August 15, 2025. |
| b. Approve SH-69 Sewer Line Extension Project Change Order No. 3 for \$45,895.00 due to Dickerson Construction Company, Inc., for additional work added to the scope of the contract. |
| c. Approve SH-69 Sewer Line Extension Project Application for Payment for \$11,447.70 due to Dickerson Construction Company, Inc., for the retainage fee on the project. |

5. Hold a Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Tax Rate

a. Open public hearing

- i. The proposed tax rate shall not exceed \$0.538050 per \$100 or taxable value.

1. Maintenance & Operating Rate \$0.362569/\$100

2. Debt Rate

\$0.175481/\$100

b. Close Public Hearing

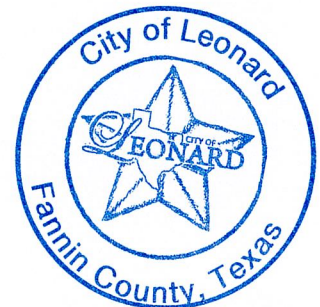
6. Take action on approving Ordinance 250923-01, levying the tax rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at \$0.538050.
7. Take action on approving the Maintenance & Operating Rate component at \$0.362569 per \$100 of taxable value.
8. Take action on approving the Debt Rate component at \$0.175481 per \$100 of taxable value.
9. Take action on approving Ordinance 250923-02 adopting the city budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
10. Take action on ratifying the adoption of a budget that will raise total property tax revenue by \$27,216, which is a 2.58% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$19,239.
11. Announcements
12. Adjournment

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Persons who may require auxiliary aid or services and who plan to attend this meeting are requested to call 903.587.3334 at least two working days before this meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made. This is to certify that I, **Melissa Verde, City Secretary**, do hereby certify that a copy of this Agenda was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, www.cityofleonard.net before 6:30 P.M. on September 17, 2025, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.



Melissa Verde, City Secretary

**NOTE: The City Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including §551.071 (private consultation with the attorney for the City); §551.072 (purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property); §551.074 (personnel or to hear complaints against personnel); §551.076 (deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices); and §551.087 (economic development negotiations). Any decision held on such matters will be taken or conducted in Open Session following the conclusion of the Executive Session.*





Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget
Taxpayer Impact Statement

House Bill 1522, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2025, amends section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require that the notice of a meeting required to be posted under section 551.043(a) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body, must include a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year, if the No-New-Revenue Rate is adopted, versus the proposed rate.

The City of Leonard has proposed a budget for the City's 2025-2026 fiscal year, assuming a tax rate equal to the Voter-Approval Tax Rate, which is \$0.53805 per \$100 of taxable value. The City Council will hold a public budget hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. The City Council intends to adopt a budget after a public tax rate hearing, to be held on September 23, 2025. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

Item for Comparison	Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (Approved Rate)	Fiscal Year 2025-2026 No-New-Revenue Rate	Fiscal Year 2025- 2026 Voter-Approval Tax Rate (Proposed Rate)
Median-Valued Homestead Value	\$ 243,741.00	\$ 228,623.00	\$ 228,623.00
Average HS Exemption	\$ 57,724.00	\$ 32,169.00	\$ 32,169.00
Taxable Value	\$ 186,017.00	\$ 196,454.00	\$ 196,454.00
Property Tax Rates (per \$100 of taxable value)	0.549594	0.529257	0.53805
Estimated Property Tax Bill	\$ 1,022.34	\$ 1,039.75	\$ 1,057.02