

Community Connection

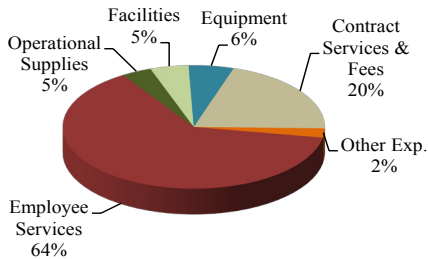
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2012-2013 Budget & Tax Rate Set

Property values for the City of Taylor are remaining fairly steady. Last year the tax rate was calculated on a tax base of \$759.4 million in property values. This generated revenues of approximately \$6.1 million at a tax rate of \$0.813893. Of this amount, \$4.6 million was for operating expenses and \$1.5 million was for debt reduction.

**General Fund Expenditures by Category
FY2012-13 (\$10,809,889)**

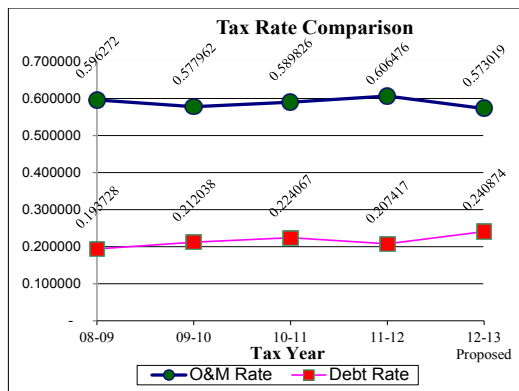


For the 2012-13 fiscal year, planning for the General Fund is based on maintaining the same tax rate with a budget of \$10.8 million. The following graph indicates the budget categories covered in the General Fund budget.

Of significant note, the amount of taxes generated from operating tax revenues (\$4 million plus) is

used to cover public safety costs (Police and Fire). The difference in revenues needed comes from sales tax, permits and licenses, fees for service, franchise fees and fines. The City budget reflects 18 frozen positions.

The proposed tax rate for 2012-13 will continue to be \$0.813893. A tax rate comparison for the past four years indicates operations and maintenance continues to be at a low level. An amount of \$100,000 was taken from the debt reserves to reduce the Debt Rate in 2011-12 as indicated on the trend line. The City continues to operate on a very conservative basis and maintains an operating reserve of more than \$3 million.



City Manager's Message

Streets, streets and more streets. As we all know, our number one priority in terms of infrastructure is the condition of our streets. The City Council is in the process of developing a plan to repair and/or reconstruct the streets of Taylor. Any solution reached is going to prove costly and cannot be rectified overnight.

The main challenge and concern of the Council is how to fund these repairs in the most cost effective way with the least financial impact on our residents and without negatively affecting City services.

We will keep you informed as we continue to work together toward a solution to this critical issue. - Jim D. Dunaway



Get Ready for Fall Clean Up

The City of Taylor provides citywide clean up services twice a year.



It's time for the Fall Clean Up on Saturday, October 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Citizens of Taylor are encouraged to help pick up trash throughout their neighborhoods and take advantage of two collection sites that will be free to residents to use. The site locations are at 1424 North Main Street in the Public Works yard and at 1200 Welch Street near Hidalgo Park.

Proof of residency may be required. No hazardous waste will be accepted. Also, the City Recycling Center at 1606 N. Main behind Walgreen's is open 24/7 for single stream recycling items.

General Election – November 6, 2012

Important Election Information:

Early Voting:

Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St.

Monday, Oct. 22 through Friday, Nov. 2

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28

12 noon – 6 p.m.



Election Day, November 6

All voting will be held at Williamson County Precinct locations.

(Residents may find their precinct number listed on their Voter Registration Card.)

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Williamson County Elections, 512-943-1621 or visit www.wilco.org.

Utility Billing Now Located at City Hall

Utility Billing has moved from the City Annex building to City Hall. Personal customer service staff is available in the reception lobby of City Hall.

There is a convenient drive up window on the north side of the building and an after-hours drop box located at the north doors of the City Hall entrance.

For additional information, contact Utility Billing at 352-2066.

EMERGENCY
ALERTS



Emergency Notification Reminder

Please make sure your correct telephone numbers are listed with the City of Taylor Emergency Notification System. You may register online at www.taylor.tx.gov. Hit the Red Emergency Alert button on the home page and follow directions or call Jean Johnson, 352-5448.

Save the Date

Happy Halloween

Halloween Spooktacular

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Heritage Square Park - Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.

Contact: Deby Lannen, 352-3463



Monster Film Festival at the Library

Monday, Oct. 22 – GODZILLA

Thursday, Oct. 25 – GODZILLA

VS. MOTHRA

Monday, Oct. 29 – TREMORS

Movie times: 6 – 8 p.m.

Taylor Public Library, 801 Vance. St.

Reminders

Taylor Business Expo 2012

Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce

September 22 – 10 am to 2 pm

Former Taylor High School

3101 N. Main St.

Movies in the Park

“Puss in Boots”

Friday, Sept. 28, 8:30 pm

Robinson Park Pavilion

206 S. Dolan St.

National Night Out

Neighborhood Block Parties

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Contact: Beth Wilkes

512-352-5551

Homecoming Festivities

Taylor High School

Friday, Oct. 12

KC Hall, 9 am – 3 pm