



FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$385,099 WHICH IS A 15.9% INCREASE FROM LAST YEARS BUDGET. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$104,424.

Record Vote:	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Present and not voting
Mayor Ward Roddam*					x
Mayor Pro Tem Lin Perry	x				
Councilmember Dave Melton East Ward	x				
Councilmember Esmeralda Ruelas-Olivares East Ward				x	
Councilmember Scott Starnes East Ward	x				
Councilmember Brad Caffey West Ward	x				
Councilmember Daniel Willie West Ward	x				

*The mayor only votes in the case of a tie.

Total amount of Municipal Debt obligations secured by property taxes

	FY 25-26	FY 24-25	FY 23-24
Tax Rate	\$0.85	\$0.85	\$0.8015
Maintenance and Operations (M&O)	\$0.689943	\$0.6878	\$0.6523
Debt Rate (I&S)	\$0.160057	\$0.1622	\$0.1492
No New Revenue	\$0.798806	\$0.712777	\$0.5151
Voter Approval	\$0.880127	\$0.808951	\$0.6823
Debt	\$665,000	\$599,304	\$538,351

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08-18 (2)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; APPROPRIATE THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Rockdale, Texas has submitted to the Mayor and City Council by July 14, 2025 a proposed budget for the revenue and expenditures, water and wastewater rates, and providing a complete financial plan for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in compliance with the Rockdale City Charter; and which said

proposed budget has been compiled from detailed information obtained from all departments and offices of the City; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council received the City Manager's proposed budget and conducted a public hearing on the budget in compliance with state law and the Rockdale City Charter; and,

WHEREAS, during the month of July and August 2025, the City Council held budget work sessions during public meetings to review revenue estimates for the City's General Fund and the Enterprise Fund, line-item expenditure budgets for all City departments, revenue, expenditures and fund balances for all City Funds, and property tax increases; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget including line-item expenditure budgets of all city departments; and, having considered any, and all appropriate amendments; now deem this document to be the appropriate financial plan for the City of Rockdale in the ensuing fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Finding. The following recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes as findings of fact.

Section 2. Public Hearing. By August 11, 2025 the City Council will have held a public hearing to obtain comments and recommendations from Rockdale citizens, residents, businesses and other interested persons on the City's annual budget and property tax rate increases.

Section 3. Budget Adoption. The Annual Budget of the City of Rockdale including revenue and expenditures, water, wastewater and sanitation rates, and other fees and charges listed in the Fee Schedule for conducting the affairs of the City thereof and providing a complete financial plan for Fiscal Year 2025-26 beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A", be and the same is in all things adopted and approved as the fund budget for all expenditures/expenses as well as fixed charges against the City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

Section 4. Approval of Expenditures by Fund. The sums included within the budget as described herein are hereby appropriated from the respective funds for the payment of expenditures on behalf of the City of Rockdale as established in the approved budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. The following amounts are hereby adopted for the various funds and departments:

General Fund Revenues:

Administration	\$4,578,500
Library	\$3,350
Streets and Drainage	\$4,000
Fire Department	38,000
Development Services	\$369,000
Parks and Cemeteries	
Municipal Court	\$141,100
Police	\$1,900
Animal Control	\$7,000
GF Fund Balance Carryover	\$497,829
General Fund Total	\$5,698,129

General Fund Transfers From Other Funds

Total transfers	\$315,000
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General Fund Expenditures:

Administration	\$846,820
Library	\$244,832
Streets and Drainage	\$792,594
Fire Department	\$221,774
Development Services	\$375,115
Parks and Cemeteries	\$748,448
Emergency Medical Services	\$0
Municipal Court	\$118,719
Police	\$2,516,976
Animal Control	\$145,518
General Fund Total	\$ 6,010,794

General fund Transfers To Other Funds

Total transfers	\$0
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Enterprise Fund Revenues:

Water	\$4,368,925
Wastewater	\$1,587,000
Sanitation	\$1,015,500
EF Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 0 ,505
Enterprise Fund Total	\$7,573,930

Enterprise Fund Transfers From Other Departments

Total transfers	\$0,
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Enterprise Fund Expenditures:

Water	\$4,189,612
Wastewater	\$ 650,725
Sanitation	\$954,600
Training/Fees (City Sec)	\$13,200
Enterprise Fund Total	\$5,808,137

Enterprise Fund Transfers to Other Funds

Total transfers	\$1,765,793
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General Debt Service Fund

Revenues	\$712,818
Transfers In	\$0
Expenditures	\$712,818

Enterprise Debt Service Fund

Revenues	\$57,000
Transfers In	\$1,159,763
Expenditures	\$1,216,763

Airport Fund

Revenues	\$140,686
Expenditures	\$140,686

Hotel Tax Fund

Revenues	\$349,719
Expenditures	\$349,719

Municipal Court Building Security Fund

Revenues	\$38,000
Expenditures	\$38,000

Municipal Court Judicial Efficiency Fund

Revenues	\$1,344
Expenditures	\$1,344

Municipal Court Technology Fund

Revenues	\$0
Expenditures	\$0

Municipal Court State/Court Cost Fund

Revenues	\$91,175
Expenditures	\$71,336
Transfer to General Fund	\$15,000

Municipal Court Building Security Technology Fund

Revenues	\$15,500
Expenditures	\$15,500

CDBG Grant Funds	
Revenues	\$512,200
Transfer from other funds	\$40,000
Expenditures	\$550,000
Library Special	
Revenue	\$5,440
Expenditure	\$5,440
Fire Depart. Pension	
Revenue	\$12,000
Expenditure	\$10,980
PD Officer of the Year	
Revenue	\$1,000
Expenditure	\$1,000
PD Special Event	
Revenue	\$10,000
Expenditure	\$10,000
PD Special Training Fund	
Revenue	\$3,120
Expenditure	\$3,000
Parks Grant Fund	
Parks Fund Balance Carryover	\$61,954
Transfer to CIP Park Improve.	\$61,954
FEMA Funds	
Revenue	\$93,000
Expenditure	\$93,000
TWDB CWSRF	
Revenue	\$8,078,253
Expenditure	\$8,077,993
TWDB DWSRF	
Revenue	\$9,910,598
Expenditure	\$9,910,328

CIP W/WW

Revenue	\$209,096
Expenditure	\$0

CIP Street Reconstruction

Revenue	\$440,000
Transfer from GF	\$80,000
Expenditures	\$520,000

CIP Bridge Park/Fireman's Memorial Park

Revenue	\$117,000
Transfer from Parks Grant	\$61,954
Expenditure	\$20,000

CIP RFVD Vehicles

Revenue	\$4,000
Transfer from GF Reserves	\$100,00

Municipal Development District

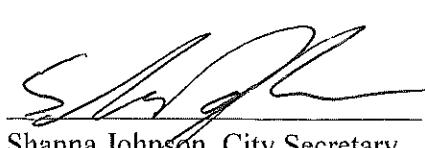
Revenue	\$659,500
Fund Balance Carryover	\$1,054,300
Expenditure	\$1,713,800

Section 5. Conflict. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Open Meetings. That it is officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Ch. 551, Texas Local Government Code.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption in accordance with the provisions of applicable state law and the City charter.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 18th day of August, 2025.



Shanna Johnson, City Secretary



Ward Roddam, Mayor