



City of Hitchcock

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FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET- GENERAL FUND

The Proposed FY 2022 Operating Budget was presented to the City Council on August 9, 2021. The Budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communication device for the City. It is the foundation for the City's allocation of resources toward a service delivery plan for providing quality services, additional improvements, and addresses Council priorities.

The total FY 2022 Proposed Budget is \$20,339,785 and is composed of four (4) parts: General Fund, Utility Fund, Restricted Funds, and other Funds. The City's largest operating fund is the General Fund with a proposed budget of \$6,216,605 in FY 2022. The General Fund supports most basic City services: Police, Street & Drainage, Solid Waste, Code Compliance, Community Development, Municipal Court, Building Inspections, Animal Control, Parks, and Administration. To view the FY 2022 Proposed Budget, visit our website at www.cityofhitchcock.org.

The FY 2022 Proposed Budget is based upon the City adopting a tax rate of \$0.53 cents per \$100 of assessed evaluation, a **decrease of 3.66%** from the City's proceeding year's tax rate of \$0.550131. The average taxable value of a residential homestead this year is \$159,656. Based on the tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of tax imposed on the average homestead would be \$846.18 or a daily cost of \$2.32 for city services.

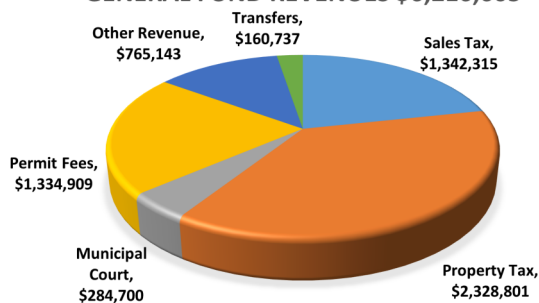
General Fund Budget Highlights:

- Allocation of \$300,000 for street rehabilitation projects;
- Allocation of \$50,000 for drainage improvements;
- Allocation of \$132,000 to replace two (2) police patrol vehicles and equipment;
Allocation of \$69,266 for funding for one additional full-time Environmental Compliance Officer/Police Officer position;
- Allocation of \$40,000 to replace ten (10) police MDT's;
- Allocation of \$52,339 for the annual lease payment for police vehicles and equipment purchased in FY 2020;
- Allocation of \$52,745 for one additional full-time Street & Drainage Worker;
- Allocation of \$78,391 for the annual lease payment for street & drainage equipment; and
- Maintains continued funding of \$85,713 for the EMS Services contract; \$92,400 contribution to the Hitchcock Volunteer Fire Department; and \$97,200 contribution to the Library.

Where does the money come from?

FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

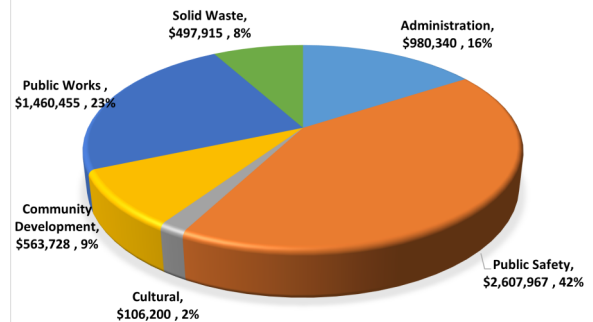
GENERAL FUND REVENUES \$6,216,605



Where is the money spent?

FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS \$6,216,605



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9/13/2021 Special Called City Council Meeting and Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.
- 9/20/2021 City Commission Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 9/22/2021 Special Called City Council Meeting and Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

9/23/2021 Board of Adjustments Meeting and Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

9/28/2021 Planning and Zoning Meeting and Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

NEW UTILITY RATES

The City adopted the five year utility rate structure developed and recommended by our utility rate consultant to ensure that water and wastewater rates would fund operations, capital improvements, and future debt service and to ensure that each service is operating at a self-sustaining basis. The third year of the rate increases for water and wastewater are incorporated in the budget and will provide adequate revenues to meet the systems operation and maintenance expenses, while providing necessary funds for system capital improvements.

UTILITY RATES

NEW RATES EFFECTIVE: OCTOBER 2021 CONSUMPTION

WATER BASE FEE:	Water	BASE FEE
	Meter size:	Base fee is determined by meter size.
	5/8"	\$19.50
	3/4"	\$21.45
	1"	\$27.30
	1.5"	\$35.10
	2"	\$56.55
	3"	\$214.50
	4"	\$273.00
	6"	\$409.50

WATER VOLUMETRIC CHARGE:	Water	Rate
		Volumetric Rate, Non-Residential
		\$5.99
	Volumetric Rate, Residential	
	0-2,000	\$4.15
	2,000-5,000	\$4.36
	5,000-10,000	\$5.01
	10,000-20,000	\$7.26
	20,000-50,000	\$10.53
	ABOVE 50,000	\$15.27

WASTEWATER CHARGE:	Wastewater (sewer)	2020
		Base Fee, per month
	Volumetric Fee, per thousand gallons	\$4.78

City residents can save on monthly costs by conserving water during winter averaging. Winter averaging for wastewater is set using November, December, January, and February metered water consumption for each customer (removing the highest consumption month). New averages are set each year and are used to calculate the wastewater bill for the following year. This average determines your sewer charge for the 12 month that begin in March 2022.

NEW CITY ORDINANCE



Ordinance No. 2021-017

An Ordinance regulating Indoor Firing Ranges in the City of Hitchcock.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Building Inspector
- Community Development Specialist
- Maintenance Worker/ Street & Drainage
- Permit Clerk
- Utility Mechanic
- Utility Worker/ Water

For job descriptions, qualifications, and other information, visit our website at:

www.cityofhitchcock.org

PREVENT SEWER STOPPAGES

To avoid sewer stoppages, do **NOT** flush the following items down your toilets or drains.

- Diapers
- Panties
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue
- Cotton Balls
- Cotton Swabs
- Kitty Litter
- Baby Wipes
- Gum Wrappers
- Candy Wrappers
- Cleaning Wipes or Rags
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Adhesive Bandages
- Grease
- Contraceptives
- Clothing
- Toys
- Food
- Cigarettes
- Hair
- Adult Wipes

All of these may stop or damage the lift station pumps or other equipment.

WAYS TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL

Online at cityofhitchcock.org
By Phone at (833) 282-0826
Phone App MyCivic Utilities
In Person at City Hall at 7423 Hwy. 6
Drop Box located in the parking lot of City Hall

*Cash, Check, Money Order, Credit Card**

All Credit Card Transactions are subject to a 2.5% Transaction Fee

If you have not received your utility bill within 5 days after the mail out date contact the Utility Billing Clerk at (409)986-5591 for the amount due.

If you are set up for automatic bill pay with your bank or through the City website, please make sure to set the transaction date to insure timely payment.

CITY OF HITCHCOCK

2021 – 2022 UTILITY DEPARTMENT - BILLING DUE DATES

BILL	DUE DATE	PENALTY DATE	CUT OFF DATE
2021			
SEP.	SEP 28	SEP 29	OCT 11
OCT.	OCT 28	OCT 29	NOV 8
NOV.	NOV 27	NOV 29	DEC 8
DEC.	DEC 27	DEC 28	JAN 10
2022			
JAN.	JAN 27	JAN 28	FEB 8
FEB.	FEB 27	FEB 28	MAR 8
MAR.	MAR 27	MAR 28	APR 7
APR.	APR 27	APR 28	MAY 9

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION FEE

The City of Hitchcock has implemented a 2.5% credit card transaction fee which will be effective starting 9/10/2021.

**CITY OF HITCHCOCK FALL CLEAN-UP
 October 2, 2021, 7:00am—2:00pm**

**The disposal site for non-hazardous clean-up will be at The City Barn.
 8401 Schiro Hitchcock, Texas 77563**

Waste disposal at this event will be free of charge to residents as a service provided by the City of Hitchcock. The drop off site will be open **ONE DAY ONLY, October 2, 2021**. Disposals may be made at AmeriWaste Services temporary collection point of The City Barn – 8401 Schiro, Hitchcock, Texas 77563, between 7:00am to 2:00pm.

For questions, contact – AmeriWaste 281-331-8400 OR City of Hitchcock 409-986-5591

What you need to know:

- This service is **free of charge** for **City of Hitchcock Residents Only**.
- Waste delivered must be separated by type of material by the resident.
- Clean Up activities do not apply to commercial/rental property clean ups, large property clean ups, lot or acreage clean up, or lot and property land clearing.
- Commercial tree trimmers are not eligible for this service.

Requirements for Participation:

- A current City of Hitchcock utility bill showing that you are a City of Hitchcock Resident.
- Proper identification is required at time of disposal; Texas Driver’s License or Identification Card.

Accepted Items:

- Stoves
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Car Batteries (Only)
- Empty BBQ pits
- Passenger Tires (Limit 4)

Unacceptable Items:

- Household waste
- Paint
- Propane Tanks
- Computer monitors
- Hazardous Materials
- Heavy Equipment Tires
- Explosives and ammunition
- Pool Chemicals





My Civic App—New Way to Pay Utility Bills

Paying your bill has never been easier and you've never had more options!

- ◆ Access real-time account information and consumption history.
- ◆ Pay via phone, text, website or mobile app.
- ◆ Make a one-time payment, schedule a payment or sign up for auto pay.
- ◆ Receive payment reminders.

Learn More



<https://www.munisipalonlinepayments.com/hitchcocktx>

Download the iOS or Android app
MyCivic Utilities

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MOSQUITO CONTROL			(800) 337-4289
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AFTER HOUR WATER/ SEWER/WWTP			(409) 795-7595
NON EMERGENCY POLICE			(409) 986-5559
STREET LIGHT OUTAGES			(800) 332-7143