

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARDWELL, TEXAS
AMENDING THE CURRENT 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR
BUDGET; FINDING MUNICIPAL PURPOSES;
AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR A
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bardwell, Texas, (the "City Council") has utilized diligent thought, attention and determination in creating the 2024-2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 102.010 allows changes to a budget for municipal purposes and such purposes have arisen during the fiscal year which have, or will, require the expenditure of additional funds in some of the line items of the budget and for which there is more than adequate funding in other line items of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the amendments in the line items identified in Exhibit "A" are reasonable, necessary and for legitimate municipal purposes.

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

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The City Council finds the statement made in the preamble above are true and correct. The City Council does authorize amendments to the budget and does authorize an expenditure as an amendment to the original budget, finding this is a situation which could not have been included in the original budget through the use of reasonably diligent thought and attention.

SECTION 2. BUDGET LINE ITEMS. The City Council approves budget amendments in Exhibit "A" which is attached and incorporated herein for all purposes, and the Amended Budget for 2024-2025 which is shown in Exhibit "B", which is attached and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 3. BUDGET TOTAL. The City Council further finds the amended budget line items in Exhibit "A" will not cause the total expenditures in the budget to exceed the total original budget.

SECTION 4. The Amended Budget for 2024-2025 is hereby approved by the City Council.

SECTION 5. That all provisions of the ordinances of the City of Bardwell in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed and all ordinances not so in conflict shall remain in full force and effect, but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed ordinance, nor shall the appeal prevent a prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repealing of the ordinance. Any remaining portions of said ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision hereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, and shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law in such cases provide.

SECTION 8. The Mayor is authorized to make the amendments as set forth above and file, or cause to be filed, a true and correct copy of this Ordinance, with the attached Exhibit "B", with the city secretary and in the office of the County Clerk of Ellis County, Texas.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Bardwell, Texas, on the 2nd day of December 2024.

APPROVED:


Jodie Odlozil, Mayor

ATTEST:

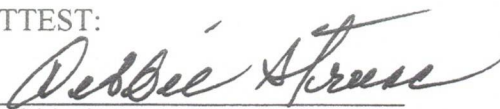

Debbie Strunc, City Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

Amendments to the City of Bardwell FY 2024-2025 Budget:

The 2024 COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) is lower than the 8.7% COLA in 2023 and the 5.9% COLA in 2022, which were both record highs. However, it's still higher than most recent years.

The SSA calculates the COLA using the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The COLA's purpose is to ensure that inflation doesn't erode the purchasing power of Social Security benefits

The COLA for 2024 began in January 2024 for Social Security benefits and on December 29, 2023 for SSI recipients. The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 2024 is 3.2%

It is the intention of the City of Bardwell to increase the salaries of each employee of the City by three-point-two percent (3.2%) as a Cost of Living Adjustment for the purpose of aligning salaries of the employees with the cost of living. This will be the first COLA increase for employees currently in Bardwell employment dating back to at least March of 2023.

EXHIBIT "B"

COST OF LIVING INCREASE (COLA) FOR EACH CITY EMPLOYEE IS SET AT 3.2%