



Georgetown City Council approves tax rate

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The Georgetown City Council approved a tax rate of 38.75 cents per \$100 of assessed property value at their Tuesday meeting, 3.13 cents above the current rate.

The vote was not unanimous. Council Members Pat Berryman, Bill Sattler and Tommy Gonzalez voted against it, saying they wanted the rate lowered. Council Members Rachel Jonrowe, Danny Meigs and Troy Hellmann voted in favor of it.

Since Council Member Patty Eason was absent because of a family emergency, Mayor George Garver broke the tie by voting in favor of the new tax rate.

Most of the tax increase is to pay down debt from bonds that were approved by voters in 2008 for several projects, including the construction of Southeast Arterial 1, the widening of FM 1460 and FM 971, and the extension of a hike-and-bike trail from Blue Hole Park to 17th Street.

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