Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Grand Prairie will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.31 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 20, 2013 at 6:30 P.M at City Council Chambers, 317 College, Grand Prairie, TX. 75050

The second public hearing will be held on September 3, 2013 at 6:30 P.M at City Council Chambers, 317 College, Grand Prairie, TX. 75050

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Ron Jensen	Ruthe Jackson	Jim Swafford
	Richard Fregoe	Tony Shotwell	Greg Giessner
	Jorja Clemson	Jeff Wooldridge	
AGAINST:	None		

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Bill Thorn

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Grand Prairie last year was $117,572. Based on last year's tax rate of $0.669998 per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was $787.73.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Grand Prairie this year is $118,511. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of $0.654841 per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be $776.06.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate $0.669998 per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be $794.02.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.