

Hutto sets proposed tax rate for 2020 budget

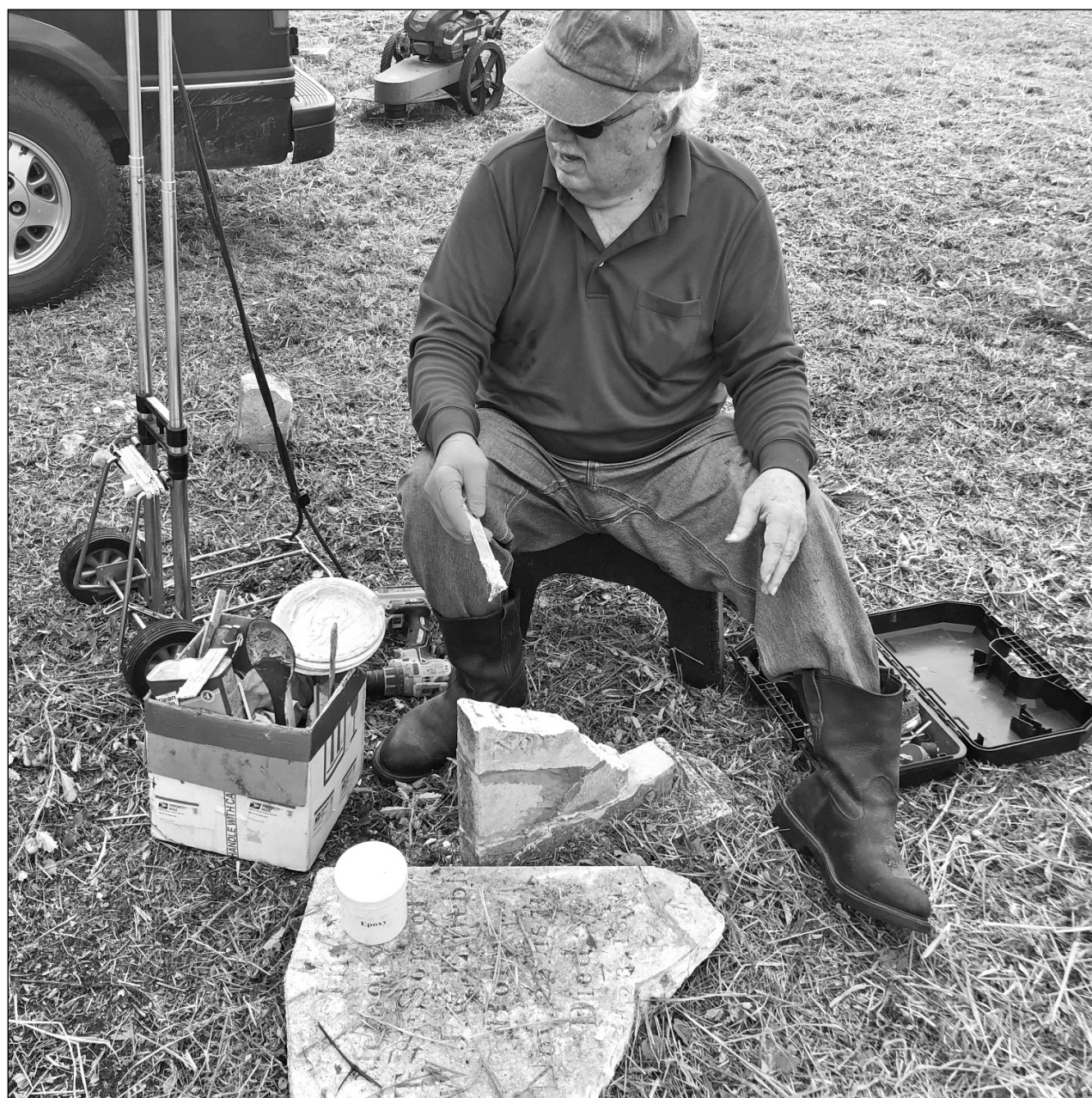
HUTTO — The Hutto City Council voted Thursday, Aug. 1, to set a maximum proposed property tax rate of 63.1351 cents per \$100 valuation for the fiscal 2020 budget.

“The council is focused on providing value in city services -- mainly public safety, streets and drainage and parks,” Hutto Mayor Doug Gaul said. “The city manager and his staff presented council with three tax rate options that would provide those services, and we’ve opted for the second option which we feel will best meet the needs of the city in a cost-effective and responsible way.”

The 63.1351 cents is lower than the rollback rate contained in the city manager’s budget proposal, which was one of three options presented by city staff in June. This rate will fund debt related to the November 2018 Bond Election as well as additional staff needed to deliver services associated with the bond election.

“Our CFO and her staff have done an outstanding job outlining options that provide for our residents while also allowing us to remain fiscally responsible to our taxpayers,” City Manager Odis Jones said. “We look forward to presenting the council with a new proposed budget on Aug. 15.”

Local Historic Cemetery Vandalized



The historic Gardner Cemetery in Circleville, also known as the Circleville Cemetery, was severely vandalized within the past few weeks.

At least five headstones, dating back to the Civil War era, were destroyed. One of them is missing a large section, which makes it impossible to repair.

The vandalism was discovered by the Cemetery Restoration Volunteers (CRV) during a recent maintenance visit, one of many abandoned cemeteries maintained on a rotational basis in Williamson County.

The volunteers work under the direction of Williamson County Historical Commission Cemetery Committee Chair, Wayne Ware.

The Williamson County Sheriff’s Department is investigating the vandalism.

The CRV asks the perpetrators to return the missing headstone section to the cemetery so that repairs can be made.



TOP: Volunteers under the direction of Williamson County Historical Commission Cemetery Committee try to salvage remains of broken headstones at the Gardner Cemetery. BOTTOM LEFT & RIGHT: At least five headstones, dating back to the Civil War era, were destroyed after someone vandalized a cemetery in Circleville.

Courtesy photos

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NOTICE OF TAX YEAR 2019 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF HUTTO

A tax rate of \$0.631351 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Hutto. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Hutto proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of providing revenue to continue current services and voter approved debt.

Proposed Tax Rate	<u>\$0.631351</u> per \$100
Preceding Year's Tax Rate	<u>\$0.515171</u> per \$100
Effective Tax Rate	<u>\$0.483486</u> per \$100
RollBack Tax Rate	<u>\$0.631351</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Hutto from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Hutto may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount =(rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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 Williamson County Tax Assessor-Collector
 904 S Main St Georgetown, TX 78626
 512-943-1601
 proptax@wilco.org/www.wilco.org/propertytax

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: 08/15/2019 7:00 PM at 500 West Live Oak Street Hutto, TX
 Second Hearing: 08/22/2019 7:00 PM at 500 West Live Oak Street Hutto, TX