

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
AN AGENDA OF A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT, TEXAS

6:30 PM – August 29, 2023

City Hall – Council Chambers

214 Meadow Park Drive, White Settlement, TX 76108

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The purpose of this item is to allow members of the public an opportunity to address the city council, a board or a commission on items that are not listed on the agenda, as well as any consent agenda, executive session, or workshop items. Any person desiring to make a comment must first fill out a speaker request form and be recognized by the presiding officer. Individual comments are limited to three minutes. The meeting body has no obligation to respond in any manner to comments or questions from the public. Any response from a member to comments on items not listed on the agenda is limited to a statement of specific factual information, a recitation of existing policy, or direction to staff to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting.

DELIBERATION AGENDA

1. Discuss and consider a resolution approving the sale of certain real property described as Lot 7, Block 4, Redford Place Addition, also known as 9001 Rowland Drive, White Settlement, TX 76108.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Hold a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Tax Rate.
3. Hold a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Annual Operating Budgets.

ADJOURNMENT

Notice posted on the 25TH day of August 2023, on the City Hall bulletin board at 214 Meadow Park Drive, White Settlement, Texas.

Amy Arnold, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

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**INFORMAL REPORT
TO Honorable Mayor and Council**



Bid to Purchase Struck-Off Property

9001 Rowland, White Settlement, TX 76108 – location of Judd Street Cemetery

City Council Meeting Date: August 29, 2023

ISSUE

Prior to February 4, 1997 tax foreclosure sale, the White Settlement Historical Society was in the process of acquiring two lots, Farmers Branch Linear Park at the Judd Street Cemetery, which included Lot 7, Block 4, Redford Place (9001 Rowland), a small cemetery, now known as the Judd Street Cemetery, Memorial Park. The City of White Settlement has been holding this property in trust since 1997, confirming the property is not owned by the city.

DISCUSSION

In 2018 staff began extensive research on ownership of the property. Information was provided to the county tax attorney seeking assistance. Research with the tax attorney's office continued, including title search, with no recorded documents existing to show city ownership outside of trustee of the property. In order to obtain ownership of the Judd Street Cemetery, Memorial Park, located on Lot 7, Block 4, Redford Place (9001 Rowland), the city must submit a bid, and the bid be accepted by all taxing entities. This item authorizes and accepts a \$1 bid as a taxing entity, for the purchase of the property.

POLICY ISSUES

There are no issues with city policy

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

According to records, the White Settlement Historical Society oversees the caretaking of the memorial park therefore, there is no impact on city resources.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this item

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached: Bid Packet

STAFF CONTACT(S)

Amy Arnold, City Secretary
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BID SHEET

Cause No. 236-L13242-96

WHITE SETTLEMENT ISD VS. BILLY G. BATTAN AND KAREN BATTAN

Struck off to the City of White Settlement on February 4, 1997 for \$3,968.06

Account number: 02328631

Property Description: REDFORD PLACE ADDITION BLOCK 4 LOT 7 (Land)

Location: 9001 ROWLAND DR.

Buyers: City of White Settlement

Intended Use of Property: Memorial Park has been built on the property

CURRENT VALUE: \$24,520.00

OFFER: \$1.00

Total Amount of Bid offered: \$1.00

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Judgment Yrs.: 1983-1995	Judg Amt	ProRata Share of Judg
Tarrant County	\$532.06	(17.27%)
White Settlement ISD	\$2,018.26	(65.53%)
City of White Settlement	\$529.69	(17.20%)

Post Judgment

TAX YEAR- 1996

Tarrant County	\$166.36
White Settlement ISD	\$455.82
White Settlement	\$149.45
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	\$771.63

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August 21, 2023

Faron Young, Mayor
Attn: Jeff James, City Manager
214 Meadow Park Drive
White Settlement, TX 76108

RE: Offer to Purchase Property Struck-Off for Taxes
L13242-96/ White Settlement ISD VS Billy G. Batten and Karen Batten
Redford Place Addition Block 4 lot 7
9001 Rowland; Account No.02328631

Dear Mr. Young:

Enclosed you will find information for the sale of the above mentioned property which was struck off to the City of White Settlement at a tax foreclosure sale on February 4, 1997.

Prior to the February 4, 1997 tax foreclosure sale, the White Settlement Historical Society was in the process of acquiring two lots, Farmers Branch Linear Park at the Judd Street Cemetery, which included, Lot 7, Block 4, Redford Place, a small cemetery, now known as the Judd Street Cemetery, Memorial Park in honor of three resident 9th Texas Calvary men who died in 1867. (see attached)

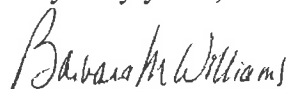
The City of White Settlement has been holding this property in trust since 1997 and would like to submit a bid in the amount of \$1.00 to obtain ownership of the Judd Street Cemetery, Memorial Park, located on Lot 7, Block 4, of Redford Place.

This bid is less than the amount due for taxes and related fees and will require the approval of all of the taxing entities in order to convey the property. This conveyance will not pay delinquent taxes or court cost.

Enclosed are the Resolution and the Deed for the Mayor's signature, should the Council consent to the sale. Please consider placing this item on your next agenda for the City Council and advise me regarding the outcome of the Council's vote. If the bid is approved, please forward a copy of the Resolution or the minutes showing approval, as well as the original signed Deed.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



Barbara M. Williams
Attorney for Tarrant County, City of White Settlement and White
Settlement Independent School District

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Enclosures

Notice of confidentiality rights: If you are a natural person, you may remove or strike any or all of the following information from any instrument that transfers an interest in real property before it is filed for record in the public records: your social security number or your driver's license number.

TAX RESALE DEED

STATE OF TEXAS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

COUNTY OF TARRANT

That WHITE SETTLEMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT and TARRANT COUNTY, ET AL acting through the presiding officer of its governing body, hereunto duly authorized by resolution and order of each respective governing body which is duly recorded in their official Minutes, hereinafter called grantors, for and in consideration of the sum of \$1.00, cash in hand paid by

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hereinafter called grantee(s), the receipt of which is acknowledged and confessed, have quitclaimed and by these presents do quitclaim unto said grantee(s) all of the right, title and interest of grantor and all other taxing units interested in the tax foreclosure judgment against the property herein described, acquired by tax foreclosure sale heretofore held under Suit No. L-1342-96, in the district court of said county, said property being located in Tarrant County, Texas, and described as follows:

LOT 7, BLOCK 4, REDFORD PLACE ADDITION, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS AND LOCATED WITHIN THE WHITE SETTLEMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD AT VOLUME 1823, PAGE 231 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02328631; ALSO KNOWN AS 9001 ROWLAND DR, WHITE SETTLEMENT, TX 76108

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, and appurtenances thereto in any manner belonging unto the said grantee(s), their heirs and assigns forever, so that neither the grantors, nor any other taxing unit interested in said tax foreclosure judgment, nor any person claiming under it and them, shall at any time hereafter have, claim or demand any right or title to the aforesaid premises or appurtenances, or any part thereof.

All liens foreclosed by the judgment are discharged and extinguished by virtue of this conveyance.

This deed is given expressly subject to recorded restrictive covenants running with the land, and valid easements of record as of the date of this sale, if such covenants or easements were recorded prior to January 1 of the year the tax lien(s) arose.

This deed is given without any warranty of title. Grantors make no warranties, express or implied, regarding the above described property.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT has caused these presents to be executed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

BY: _____
Faron Young
Mayor
City of White Settlement

STATE OF TEXAS X

COUNTY OF TARRANT X

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this _____ day of _____, 2023, by Faron Young, Mayor of City of White Settlement.

Printed Name:
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT,
APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT, for itself and the use and benefit of WHITE SETTLEMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT and TARRANT COUNTY, ET AL has acquired title to a certain tract of real estate at a Tax Sale held on February 4, 1997 in Cause No. L13242-96 White Settlement Independent School District vs. Billy G. Batten and Karen Batten

WHEREAS, Section 34.05(a), Texas Property Tax Code, authorizes the City of White Settlement by and through its governing body, to resale the property; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of White Settlement and its taxpayers to return this property to a productive use; and

WHEREAS, an offer has been made by City of White Settlement, to purchase the property for the sum of One Dollars (\$1.00) for judgment years 1983-1995;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of White Settlement, that the Mayor is authorized to sell, convey and transfer that certain tract of real estate acquired at the above described tax sale for the sum of \$1.00 as authorized by Section 34.05, Texas Property Tax Code. The liens foreclosed by the judgment are extinguished by virtue of the conveyance.

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PRESENTED and PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2023, by a vote of _____ Ayes and _____ Nays by the City of White Settlement Council, Tarrant County, Texas.

**BY: _____
Faron Young, Mayor**

ATTEST:

**BY: _____
Amy Arnold, City Secretary**