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Dear Citizens:

It has come to my attention that during a recent Texas Municipal League training, attended by a fellow Council Member, a reference to taxation as “shaking the money tree” was made by a presenter. While this comment may have been an attempt at humor, I nor the rest of the Council regard the taxpayers as a money tree. The reference is not humorous and is unacceptable. My sentiment has been conveyed to TML at the highest level. I would like the citizens to know that the Council regards the process of taxation very seriously. This is demonstrated by the consistent tax rate over the last 15 years. The City Charter mandates that the Council exercise fiduciary responsibility in every decision that we make that impacts the citizens.

Sincerely,

Don Denbow
Mayor