Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	August 12, 2025	**Staff Contact:**	Dawn Brooks, Chief Financial Officer
Item Number:	2025-419-AR	**Phone:**	817-598-4130

SUBJECT: Discussion and consideration of all matters incident and related to approving and authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation, including the adoption of a resolution pertaining thereto.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Staff is requesting City Council approval of a resolution authorizing the publication of notice of intent to issue Certificates of Obligation (COs) in the principal amount not to exceed $30,000,000 for the purpose of financing critical city infrastructure improvements and capital projects. These investments will address essential municipal needs including transportation infrastructure, public safety facilities, park rehabilitation, and equipment storage facilities.

The City has identified critical infrastructure and facility needs that require significant capital investment to support continued growth and maintain high-quality municipal services. The proposed funding will address four key initiative areas that are essential for Weatherford's continued development and quality of life.

The City has increased bond capacity due to final maturities of the 2014 Refunding General Obligation bonds and the 2018 Refunding General Obligation bonds, as well as a significant decrease in the annual payment of the 2020 Refunding General Obligation bonds in the FY26 fiscal year. This favorable debt structure allows the City to issue bonds for these much-needed projects with no impact to taxpayers.

Key Project Initiatives:

Infrastructure Enhancement for Development and Transportation - Expanding and improving infrastructure capacity to support continued growth, including roadway improvements, utility extensions, and transportation corridor enhancements that facilitate both residential and commercial development while improving traffic flow throughout the city.

Fire Station 5 Construction - Moving forward with the planning and construction of Fire Station 5 in the northeast part of town to improve emergency response times, enhance public safety coverage, and accommodate the growing population in this rapidly developing area of Weatherford.

Park Rehabilitation Initiative - Undertaking a major rehabilitation project at Holland Lake Park to restore and enhance this vital community asset, improving recreational opportunities and maintaining Weatherford's commitment to quality-of-life amenities.

Public Works Equipment Storage Facility - Construction of a dedicated equipment storage facility to properly house and protect the City's substantial investment in municipal equipment and vehicles, ensuring long-term asset

preservation and extending useful life of capital assets.

The issuance of certificates of obligation requires a two-step process. First, the City Council must authorize the publication of a notice of intention to issue the certificates. Following this publication (which must appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the City once a week for two consecutive weeks, with the first publication occurring at least 45 days before the date tentatively set for the passage of the ordinance authorizing the issuance), the Council may then approve the actual issuance of the certificates.

If approved, the notice of intent will be published in the Weatherford Democrat on August 16, 2025 and August 23, 2025 (at least 45 days prior to the issuance). The certificates would be priced and sold in October 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The principal amount of the certificates will not exceed $30,000,000. The certificates will be payable from the Interest & Sinking (I&S) portion of property tax revenue. Due to recent debt maturities and payment reductions on existing obligations, the City has available debt capacity that allows for this issuance without any impact to taxpayers.

Annual debt service payments are estimated to be approximately $2.4 million based on current market conditions and anticipated terms. The certificates will be secured by a pledge of ad valorem tax revenues within the City's existing tax rate structure.

The favorable timing of this issuance allows the City to address critical infrastructure and facility needs while maintaining fiscal responsibility and protecting taxpayers from additional financial burden.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and adopt Resolution R2025-13 authorizing the publication of notice of intention to issue the City of Weatherford, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 in an amount not to exceed $30,000,000 for municipal infrastructure and capital projects.

ATTACHMENTS

- 25B Weatherford CO Prelim 8.5.25
- R2025-13