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Press Release

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RE: Von Ormy Lowers Property Taxes 10% and approves 2011 budget

At its September meeting the City Council of Von Ormy approved a 10% property tax cut which was proposed by Mayor Art Martinez de Vara. The 2011 budget was also approved.

Mayor Martinez de Vara said, "In these tough economic times government should be finding ways to let taxpayers keep more of what they earn. Frankly, people need it. This budget and tax cut reflects our policy of focusing on essential services and cutting back on all the extras, just like our residents have to do with their household budgets. The power to tax is a tremendous responsibility entrusted to us by our residents and therefore we should use it sparingly and only for what is necessary. Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation."

Von Ormy has no debt, a reserve fund equal to 1/3 of its annual budget and has run budget surpluses every year since it incorporated in 2008.

Some of the 2011 budget highlights include:

- Funding for the construction of a new fire station within the city limits
- Establishing a full-time city administrator position. The City is now accepting applications for this position.

-Street Lighting. The City has ordered street lights to be installed on all residential streets in the city. Installation should be complete this fall.

-Increased funding for the newly established City Marshal's Office to bring it from 1 officer to 3.

-Establishment of an Animal Control Program with two Animal Control Officers.

-Establishment of a City Park in the Von Ormy Heights Subdivision and the development of a Park Master Plan.

About Von Ormy:

Von Ormy is located in Southwest Bexar County and is the newest City in Bexar County, being formed in 2008. Von Ormy has 1300 residents and is 2 square miles and lies along I-35 between Loop 410 and Loop 1604 in southwest Bexar County.

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