

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

On this day, the 10th of November 2025, the City Council convened in regular session in the City Council Room. The regular meeting being open to the public and notice of said regular meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 51 of the Government Code with the following being present and in attendance to wit:

Mayor Davis, Council Members Jill Cromwell, Leslie Ivy, Melisa McIntosh, Winfred McQueen, Lloyd Roberts, and Mark Sweatt. Employees present were City Administrator Jack Owens, City Secretary Amalia Gaxiola, Water Clerk Marla Green, and Police Chief Rex Plant. Others present were Kim Cloyd, David Tarrant, Mark Montgomery, and Underwood Attorney Matthew Murray. Absent Council Members were Zack Altman and Woody Richardson.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted a quorum present. He asked Alderman Sweatt to voice the invocation and Alderman Roberts to lead the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Cloyd asked if the city could put up the Christmas wreaths when the lights are put on the poles downtown if Lighthouse Electric is not able to. City Administrator Jack Owens added that the city guys have put up the lights already. Mark Montgomery brought up the old Dairy Queen building and potential buyers who asked some questions about potential things to be sold and the legality of it. Administrator Owens did let the council know this item is on the agenda to discuss.

HEARING FOR DILAPIDATED PROPERTIES AND ABANDONED VEHICLES

Per Administrator Owens, there is nothing. No action.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda items were presented for approval: Regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2025; accept collections & pay expenditures for September 2025. Alderwoman Cromwell made the motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented and accept collections & pay expenditures for September 2025, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Administrator Owens read the written reports on Fire, Judicial, Library, Landfill, Water, Airport, Street, Cemetery, Administration, Parks/Rec, and the TxDOT Waterline Relocation Project. Police Chief Rex Plant read his written report.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO REMOVE THE TABLED ITEMS OFF THE TABLE

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Aldерwoman Ivy made the motion to remove the tabled items off the table, seconded by Aldерwoman McIntosh. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER LIVESTREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS – ZACK ALTMAN

Mayor Davis added that Zack Altman is not present. Aldерwoman McIntosh asked Kim Cloyd if she would be willing to livestream the council meetings from the Chamber Facebook page and Aldерwoman Cromwell added that they would like to request the comment section be off. Kim Cloyd said she would need to discuss it with the Chamber board. Alderman Roberts made the motion to table, seconded by Alderman McQueen. The vote was unanimous in favor. Aldерwoman McIntosh added that the livestream of council meetings would be for transparency reasons.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGING COMMERCIAL DUMPSTER PRICES

Administrator Owens briefed the council that he is looking at a \$10 increase for all commercial businesses. Additional cost will be per pickup. Owens added that this increase would help fund a bulldozer for the landfill. Brief discussion was had on potential bulldozer options, requirements for a public hearing, Housing Authority charges, and current charges for all. Alderman McQueen made the motion to schedule a public hearing at the December council meeting date for commercial dumpster increases, seconded by Aldерwoman Cromwell. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 704 FOR TMRS' PRIOR SERVICE AGREEMENT

Administrator Owens hoped everyone was able to listen to the recording from Anthony Mills. This ordinance is to be able to give time credit. Aldерwoman Ivy made the motion to adopt Ordinance 704 for TMRS' Prior Service Agreement, seconded by Aldерwoman Cromwell. The vote was unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAXES TO ROLLING PLAINS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB – DAVID TARRANT

David Tarrant informed the council that there is insurance they need help with and replace targets. Aldерwoman McIntosh made the motion to assist the Rolling Plains Sportsman's Club with four thousand dollars, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. Aldерwoman Cromwell asked for receipts to be provided. All in favor except Aldерwoman Ivy who opposed.

CONSIDER AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 705 REGARDING RESIDENCE OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS

Aldерwoman Cromwell pointed out in article 8.07.005 letter g, that a map will need to be created to have for display. Aldерwoman McIntosh made the motion to adopt Ordinance 705 regarding

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residence of sexual offenders with the addition of the map, seconded by Alderman McQueen. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER ADMITTING INTO PARKHILL GROUP SEALCOAT

The deadline to inform Parkhill is November 14th. Administrator Owens added that seventy-five thousand is budgeted for street repairs this year and he is thinking we could allocate sixty-five thousand to the group sealcoat and get cold mix with the rest. Alderman Roberts made the motion to admit into Parkhill group sealcoat with sixty thousand dollars, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-10-25A FOR CHIEF APPRAISER

Administrator Owens informed the council that they had previously nominated Ed Bailey and the City can cast 335 votes which can be split up, or all can go to one. Alderman Roberts made the motion to cast 335 votes for Ed Bailey, seconded by Alderwoman McIntosh. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 706 ON SWEPCO RATE CHANGE

Administrator Owens summed up that SWEPCO is wanting to increase the rates and the city can accept or deny the rate change. Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to oppose the SWEPCO rate change, seconded by Alderwoman Cromwell. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO HALL COUNTY HOME DELIVERED MEALS BOARD

Administrator Owens let the council know that Shari Watson came to the office and they are looking for appointees. They are very appreciative of what the EDC and the city council have done for them and she asked if anyone from the city council or the EDC board would like to be on the Hall County Home Delivered Meals board. It's not someone that has to be appointed just requesting someone be appointed. Alderwoman Ivy said she would do it. Administrator Owens added that he will put her name in the hat as someone willing to serve.

DISCUSS ENFORCEMENT ON WATER HOOK UPS

Chief Plant asked what the council wants to do as it's in the ordinance that you must have running water if you live in a house. Administrator Owens read the ordinance. Chief Plant informed the council that there are several occupied houses without water. Underwood Attorney Matthew Murray added that there is more we can do there to enforce and he will get with Jack and Rex to go over the ordinances.

CONSIDER DATE FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The recommended dates are December 17th or 18th. Council unanimously agreed on December 18th at 6:00 p.m.

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DISCUSS GAMING ORDINANCE

Administrator Owens read the gaming ordinance. He added that Mark Montgomery had asked for specifications regarding the 500 feet rule to let potential old dairy queen building buyers know. Attorney Murray addressed that although unspecified, the feet rule is more than likely from door to door and state statute says 300 feet. Alderwoman Ivy asked if we need to clarify the ordinance being door to door and Attorney Murray agreed. Administrator Owens and Attorney Murray along with council added that Mr. Montgomery may proceed in letting his potential buyers know that the old dairy queen building is within the feet rule. Attorney Murray advised the city to continue to follow their ordinance as written and this location would not ring a bell.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON BILLBOARD

Administrator Owens advised that the council consider moving into executive session for consultation with the Attorney. Alderwoman Ivy made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Davis called the meeting into executive session at 7:01 p.m. under Texas Gov't Code, Sec. 551.071: Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting.

Mayor Davis stated City Council is back in regular session at 8:09 p.m. Council unanimously agreed to follow the recommendations of the MEDC.

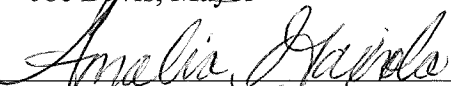
MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Alderwoman Cromwell glad to be here and getting things accomplished. She thanked Matthew for coming to advise. Alderwoman Ivy thanked Rex, Jack, and Amalia. Alderman Roberts thanked everyone and Matthew. Alderman McQueen thanked everyone for being here and sorry for the absence at the last two meetings. Alderwoman McIntosh thanks to all and added that the Dumpster idea is a good revenue and should look into building permit fees. Alderman Sweatt thanked Jack and Amalia and appreciative of Matthew helping along with Rex and council members. Mayor Davis appreciates everyone and Marla as she takes a lot of calls. He briefed on some of the things he learned at TML. Chief Plant informed council that he will go home for the Thanksgiving holiday. Administrator Owens let the council know that he has filed to run for Hall County Judge in the primary. Election is in November and the elected Judge would assume office in January of 2027. Council thanked Administrator Owens for letting them know.

ADJOURN

Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved: 
Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest: 
Amalia Gaxiola, City Secretary