

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

On this day, the 9th day of February, 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, Woody Richardson, Lloyd Roberts, and Mark Sweatt. Council Member Zack Altman arrived during agenda item 6. Employees present were City Administrator Jack Owens, City Secretary Amalia Gaxiola, and Police Chief Rex Plant. Others present were Kim Cloyd, Tracy Lambert, Roman Buckner, and Joanna Buckner.

1. 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 Richardson to voice the invocation and Alderman Roberts to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

3. HEARING FOR DILAPIDATED PROPERTIES AND ABANDONED VEHICLES

No action.

4. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda items were presented for approval: Regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2026; accept collections & pay expenditures for January 2026. Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote passed with 7 in favor. Alderman Altman was not present.

5. PRESENTATION & ACCEPTANCE OF 2025 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT – TRACY LAMBERT

Tracy Lambert presented the audit. Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to accept the audit as presented, seconded by Alderman McQueen. The vote passed with 7 in favor. Alderman Altman was not present.

6. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Administrator Jack Owens read the written reports for library, judicial, and fire. Police Chief Rex Plant read his written report. Administrator Owens read his written admin report which also included water, landfill, street, parks/rec, airport, the TxDOT waterline relocation project, and the Fiberlight project.

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7. OLD BUSINESS

a. MOTION TO REMOVE THE TABLED ITEMS OFF THE TABLE

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

b. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CEMETERY PROPERTY PURCHASE PAYMENT PLANS

Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion to add the new plan and use the termination letters as presented, seconded by Alderman McQueen. The vote was unanimous in favor.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. ORDER CITY OFFICERS GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 2, 2026

Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to order City Officers General Election for May 2, 2026, seconded by Alderwoman Cromwell. The vote was unanimous in favor.

b. DISCUSS & CONSIDER TXDOT REHABILITATION PROJECT

Administrator Owens informed the council of the preliminary report and factors they want to do which included overlayment. At a commissioner's court meeting, Owens spoke with a rep from Lancium who verbally agreed to help with the additional funds needed and an airport hangar for them was discussed. Alderman Sweatt made the motion to go with the complete TxDOT rehabilitation resurfacing project, seconded by Alderman Altman. Alderwoman Ivy questioned the rating of the airport and if doing the project will help the rating, Owens said the re-rating will not go up until the construction is done which should make it go up. The vote was unanimous in favor.

c. DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Administrator Owens informed the council that Secretary Gaxiola reached out to the surrounding Secretaries and received two policies/rules. Alderwoman McIntosh added that comments should be off from day one. Alderwoman Ivy asked for a policy like Amarillo's to get tailored to Memphis and Administrator Jack said it could be done by the next meeting.

d. DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE FOR TRUCK PARKING AND IDLING

Alderman Sweatt on receiving a letter with legit concerns with semis so he and Administrator Owens discussed sending out a survey for resident's input. Police Chief Plant added he had a call on this regarding preserving the brick streets and restrict driving semis on main streets. Owens added that he can have it put in next month's water bill as well. Mayor Davis mentioned that Panhandle has no truck parking signs but doesn't know the details on it. Owens said concerns are trucks parking where they obstruct views and idling for several

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days which people living in those areas hear the semis and we have to look at the overall wellness of the community and have to think about the impact on the streets. Alderwoman McIntosh mentioned that her husband has a truck and they park on their lot and do not leave it on.

e. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASING TRICKLE CHARGERS FOR WATER WELLS – ZACK ALTMAN

Alderman Altman mentioned how a trickle charger could help with the wells and prevent from batteries dying. Police Chief Plant said he has two at the PD and he will give them to the water department. No action.

f. CONSIDER MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Alderwoman Cromwell discussed kicking off the downtown cleanup. Alderwoman Ivy discussed possible avenues to recycle plastics to keep out of the landfill. Alderman Altman thanked the council and Jack and Amalia. Alderman Richardson thanked Jack and Amalia and everyone. Alderman Roberts expressed his concern that the panhandle is changing at a rapid rate, and we must have people that will take the initiative to help our community. Alderman McQueen said that things are moving in a positive direction and thanked the city workers. Alderwoman McIntosh thanked Jack, Amalia, Rex and everyone else. Alderman Sweatt glad that everyone is showing up to meetings, thanked Jack for his detailed work on achieving additional grant funding for the Airport. Sweatt asked Kim Cloyd on the flag sales, and she mentioned it's a chamber fundraiser. Mayor Davis thanked everyone for attending.

g. ADJOURN

Alderman Altman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Approved: 
Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest: 
Amalia Gaxiola, City Secretary