

## **MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2025, REGULAR MEETING**

On this day, the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2025, the City Council convened in regular session in the City Council Room. The meeting being open to the public and notice of said 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 Zack Altman, Jill Cromwell, Leslie Ivy, Melisa McIntosh, Woody Richardson, Lloyd Roberts, and Mark Sweatt. Employees present were City Administrator Jack Owens, City Secretary Amalia Gaxiola, Police Chief Rex Plant, and Municipal Judge David Aleman. Others present were Emily Wisner, Josh Talley, Shari Watson, Micah Casas, and Chris Hert.

## **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Davis called the 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.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment.

## **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The consent agenda items were presented for approval: the regular meeting minutes on June 9, 2025, special meeting minutes on June 23, 2025, special meeting minutes on July 10, 2025, accept collections & pay expenditures for June 2025. Alderwoman Cromwell had a modification request for the special meeting minutes on July 10, 2025, stating that the review proposed 2025/2026 budget item was too vague, and she would like to add the revenue and expenditures report presented by Administrator Jack Owens, profits and deficits on accounts, discussion on cuts in departments, and police department officers discussed by Alderwoman Ivy. Cromwell provided Secretary Amalia Gaxiola with those written modifications. Alderwoman Ivy moved to approve the regular meeting minutes on June 9, 2025, and approve the special meeting minutes on June 23, 2025, and table the special meeting minutes on July 10, 2025, to add the requested modifications by Alderwoman Cromwell, seconded by Alderwoman McIntosh. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Alderman Sweatt moved to accept collections and pay expenditures for June 2025, seconded by Alderwoman McIntosh. The vote was unanimous in favor.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

Municipal Judge David Aleman read his written read and presented the aging report which is from 2010 to present. According to the State, we may be able to collect around thirty to forty percent of the \$599,136.12 balance. Alderman Roberts asked if the thirty to forty percent be used as considered accounts receivable for income and Administrator Owens said yes but this is income owed to the City for fines not collected from people that will hopefully get paid now.

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Alderman Roberts also added the outstanding water services owed which is around one hundred thousand. Administrator Owens added the figure turned over to Perdue is ten thousand nine hundred fifty-four dollars. Alderwoman Ivy added the utility bill aging report says one hundred eighty-one thousand seven hundred eighty-nine and eighty-three cents and Secretary Gaxiola stated that is everything that is in the system and the amount by Owens is what has been turned in so far.

Administrator Owens read the Fire Departments written report. Nick installed the AED at the pool. The Texas Commission on Fire protection showed up and completed their inspection and did not find any findings. Nick fixed the leak in the pumper truck. The fireworks show on July 4<sup>th</sup> was successful and Owens appreciates the capital improvement fund that people donate to which is fifty cents per month. Nick will attend a TxDOT traffic training incident this week at TxDOT. Also, Hall County industrial park will be doing controlled burns on the outside of city limits. Mayor Davis wanted to add that some citizens are reporting some sirens not working. Alderman Altman reported that there are three working sirens which are meant to be outside warning systems and not indoors.

For the Library, Administrator Owens reported that Weatherly Roofing is going to work on fixing the repairs on the leaks of the roof for approximately five hundred dollars. The other two bids were Crawford roofing for eighteen hundred dollars and Milton Jackson for thirty-eight hundred dollars. Also, new fire extinguishers will be ordered for the library to replace 1991 models. Jack read the library's written report.

For the Landfill department, Owens reported that a tire container has been picked up and the next one is loaded and ready to be picked up tomorrow. We've reached budget funding of four thousand dollars for tire removal and without objection, Jack would like to continue using funds for tire removal from dumpster bottom repairs as it will not be used and he would like to allocate five thousand to tire removal. No objection. TDJC will be onsite on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> to assist with picking up windblown garbage, loading additional container with tires, and working on the new fence installation. TCEQ inspection was on July 10<sup>th</sup> and waiting for evaluation. Scrap metal processor, Eds, is going to be onsite the week of July 14<sup>th</sup>. Truck load of cardboard is ready to be picked up and Jack is working with PRPC to sell to recyclers and load out. Repair of dump truck ongoing. Hydraulic pump on Komatsu dozer failing. Owens executed an agreement with Jared Lambert to work ten hours a week two hours a day for one hundred sixty-five dollars an hour to perform bulldozer duties while city owned dozer is repaired. Roy Henderson will attend landfill license school September 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> in Lubbock. After looking at their website, TCEQ will grant probationary license if someone is dedicated to landfill but does not have the four years required time.

For the Water department, water technicians are working on fixing zero read meters. Went from 65 zero reads June 1<sup>st</sup> down to 35 July 14<sup>th</sup> and projected increases in revenue will be twelve thousand dollars per year. Two applications received so far for water technician. For the Greenbelt Water Authority line, attorneys have drawn up a contract for Hall County Industrial Park. Agreement sent to Dustin Whittenburg for review. Could free up forty-two thousand one hundred twenty dollars in enterprise budget starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. Alderwoman McIntosh asked if there's a timeline on tree limbs in alleys and side of the roads and Administrator Owens informed her that in the fall he is planning to start that, and he will also bring in prisoners to pick up the limbs our city guys cut.

For the Airport, Cindy was working on the TxDOT Title 6 survey and will be taken care of within the next ninety days. After discussion with Dakota Shaw, the paving score is low and

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hoping the rehab project will bring it back up to state minimum. TxDOT and Parkhill are working on design. This project will need one hundred thousand dollars of funding. Discussion was had on possible expansion for hangars. Alderwoman Ivy asked for this to be put on next agenda.

For the Street department, they've been mowing and pothole repairs. Citizens are asked to continue to report potholes. Damaged dumpsters are being replaced with new ones. Worked alleyway between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and repaired right of ways post office would not deliver to.

For Administration, continuing to work on budget. Walked through Foundry with Leonard Seacrest. Plans on hiring fifteen people by the end of the year and hiring immediately for site cleanup.

For Parks and rec, free swimming day on July 4<sup>th</sup> was a success with 50 swimmers. Lighthouse Electric volunteered their time to install new lights at the baseball field.

For TxDOT waterline relocation project, Parkhill submitted their first pay reimbursement for TxDOT. Kickoff project meeting to be held at the Library Meeting room with Parkhill on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. TxDOT is concerned about meeting March deadline and Parkhill is working on acceleration plan for contractor mobilizing to site.

For Police, Chief Plant read his written report. Planning a Saturday pickup day with Brian and Eric to pick up animals at large.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DISCUSS FUNDING FOR MEALS ON WHEELS – JOSH TALLEY**

Josh Talley informed the council that Meals on Wheels is in bad shape. They are funded through donations, title twenty, and title three. Forty families are served, and twenty-five families are on waiting list. Administrator Owens discussed putting this on next agenda. Chief Plant added that they can help deliver meals if council is okay with it. No objection from council.

### **CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX TO LOVES TRUCK STOP FOR GOLF/CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT – CHRIS HERT**

Chris Hert mentioned bingo night in November to help donate to Meals on Wheels. He proceeded to ask the council for one thousand dollars for the cornhole tournament at Hall County Picnic. Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion to approve one thousand dollars from hotel occupancy to Loves, seconded by Alderman Altman. The vote passed with six in favor. Alderwoman Ivy abstained.

### **DISCUSS AND AMEND POOL BENEFIT FOR CITY EMPLOYEES**

Administrator Owens briefed the council on the pool benefit of children and grandchildren of employees working for the city, firemen, and council getting in free at the pool and it being abused. Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion to amend the pool benefit for everyone by it going away beginning July 16<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN WARD 4, RAY DICKSON**

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Mayor Davis read Ray Dickson's resignation letter. Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion to accept Ray Dickson's resignation, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Davis appreciated Ray for his services.

## CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS IN SEATS 2, 4, 6, AND 7

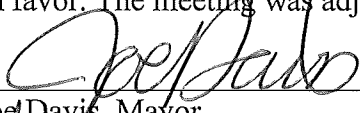
Mayor Davis made the nomination of Cindy Woodard to go on the board along with keeping Kathy Fowler, Nathan Smith, and Kevin Huddleston. Discussion was had on the board members being nominated and the bookkeeping. Alderman Richardson made the motion to table till next meeting, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor.

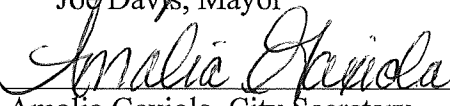
## MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Alderwoman McIntosh on thanking Amalia for taking the position and appreciates everything she does. To Jack, she respects him to the fullest and thanks for all he does. She thanked the council as well. Alderman Roberts informed they're all still friends even after disagreements and they can agree to disagree. Thinking about the people down at Kerrville. Alderman Richardson on thanks for the prayers for his wife and agrees on the agree to disagree. He added as well that Josh does have a big problem on his hands. Alderman Altman on challenging council members again to talk to a different department of the city. Alderwoman Ivy on thanks to Jack and Amalia for being here and Rex as well and thanks to him for volunteering for meals on wheels. She will see if they can get a golf tournament as well. Alderwoman Cromwell on thanks for entrusting her with this position once again for a year. She has been here for eight years, and her grandchildren are here and wants them to be proud to be from Memphis and thanks for the opportunity so she can help with that. To Jack, she is thrilled for him to be here. He is business minded, professional, diplomatic, very balanced, and transparent and she likes that. Thanked Amalia for stepping up to the plate and looking forward to working with her. Thanked Rex for still being here and glad to be apart of this family. Mayor Davis quoted Clint Eastwood, "If you want something done you better do it yourself." He also added a quote from himself, "If you don't, who will?" Added that it's up to them to get out and pay attention and they have a great crew and how busy this city is and thanked Jack for coming on board and Amalia for a more responsible position even though she has done a great job and has been responsible in the past and he also thanked everyone.

## ADJOURN

Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Approved:   
Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest:   
Amalia Gaxiola, City Secretary