

CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to Texas Flag:

Mayor Galaviz called the meeting to order at 06:32 PM, City Attorney Halla gave the Invocation, and all led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Councilmembers present: Alejandro Galaviz, Teresa Hoffman, Tony Bovinich, Sheryl Kiser, Michelle Hamm and Drew Wilson.

Staff present: Josh Jones, City Attorney, Callie Green, Melissa Westen, Chief Groom, Chief Hargrove, Becky Wilkins, Scott Williams, Melissa Trammell, Ron Hearn, Oscar Ortiz and Randy Goucher.

2. Announcements from Mayor:

Cell phones are to be placed on vibrate/silent only. No conversation or comment from the audience is permitted unless specifically called upon by the Mayor. Please remain respectfully quiet. Giving a shout-out to Sue Ann who is watching.

3. Citizen Public Comment Period:

Thank you for your participation in tonight's Public Comments Session. This segment is a crucial component of our local government meetings, where each speaker is allotted 5 minutes. While the City Council and I consider all input, the Texas Open Meetings Act mandates that this be a time for us to listen rather than engage in dialogue. Rest assured, our City Administrator and City Secretary are diligently recording notes should any actions be necessary. When you are ready, you may begin, and your time will start.

No public speakers.

4. Consent Agenda:

All matters listed under consent agenda have been previously discussed, require little or no deliberation, or are routine by the council. If discussion is desired, then an item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. Otherwise, approval of the consent agenda authorizes the City Administrator to implement each item in accordance with staff's recommendation.

4.1. Approval of meeting minutes for regular meeting on September 8, 2025.

4.2. Ratifying bills and monthly financial report for July 2025

4.3. Ratifying bills and monthly financial report for August 2025

4.4. Texas Department of Transportation ROW Transfer to City

4.5. Consider an Ordinance amending the 2024-2025 Budget.

I make a motion to approve.

Moved by: Drew Wilson

Seconded by: Teresa Hoffman

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

5. Presentation and Proclamations:

5.1. Proclamation declaring September 26, 2025 as Human Resource Professional Day.

The Mayor presented to Human Resource Director, Melissa Westen.

5.2. Badge Pinning Ceremony - Promotion of Sergeant Justin Cole

Chief Groom presented.

6. Public Hearings and Action Items:

6.1. Conduct Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget.

Open Public Hearing: At 6:41pm.

No public speakers.

Close Public Hearing: At 6:43pm.

Discuss and consider an Ordinance approving the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; providing budgetary appropriations for the various operating funds of the City; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Roll-call vote:

Councilmember Place 1, Teresa Hoffman: For

Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2, Tony Bovinich: For

Councilmember Place 3, Sheryl Kiser: For

Councilmember Place 4, Michelle Hamm: Against

Councilmember Place 5, Drew Wilson: For

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 1, Abstained 0.

6.2. Conduct Public Hearing on Proposed No New Revenue Tax Rate of \$0.766485.

Open Public Hearing: At 6:52pm.

No public speakers.

Close Public Hearing: At 6:56pm.

Discuss and consider an Ordinance levying an Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to provide revenues for current expenses, providing due and delinquent dates, penalties and interest; repealing all Ordinances in conflict; directing the Tax Assessor-Collector to access, account for, and distribute the property taxes as herein levied.

Roll-call Vote:

Councilmember Place 1, Teresa Hoffman: For

Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2, Tony Bovinich: For

Councilmember Place 3, Sheryl Kiser: For

Councilmember Place 4, Michelle Hamm: For

Councilmember Place 5, Drew Wilson: For

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

7. Discussion and Consideration Items:

7.1. Discussion and consideration of the formation of a Parks & Community Relations Board. (Jones)

I make a motion that we put an item on the next meeting agenda to further discuss this and set a community stake holder meeting.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Drew Wilson

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

7.2. Discuss and consider authorization to sell Rescue 72 for no less than \$225,000.00 to secure initial funding toward the purchase of a new fire engine. (Hargrove)

I make a motion for authorization to sell Rescue 72 for no less than \$225,000.00 to secure initial funding toward the purchase of a new fire engine.

Moved by: Drew Wilson

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

7.3. Discuss and Consider a change to Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) employee contribution rate from 7% to 8% deduction from gross pay. (Westen)

No action was taken. Council would like to discuss this more in the future when we receive tax numbers.

8. Executive Session:

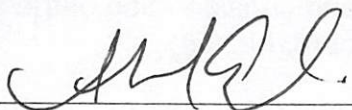
IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: SECTION 551.071- Consultation with Attorney. Mayor Galaviz adjourned into closed session at 7:37pm. Mayor Glaviz reconvened into open session at 8:07pm.

- 8.1. City of Venus v Saldana Properties, L.P. Cause No. CC-E20210005 pending in County Court at Law #1, Johnson County, Texas.
- 8.2. Discussion regarding a review from the Bowman Group for consulting services for a comprehensive investigation and assessment of City Hall operations, policies, and practices, including recommendations to enhance efficiency and transparency.

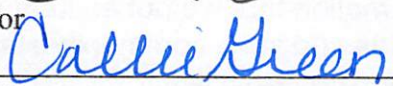
No action was taken on the above-listed Executive Sessions.

9. Adjournment:

Mayor Galaviz adjourned the meeting at 08:07 PM.



Mayor



City Secretary