City of Log Cabin

Log Cabin City Hall, Meeting Room 14387 Alamo Road, Log Cabin, Texas 75148

June 19th, 2025 at 7:00pm City Council Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order: Mayor Paul Eckeberger called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.
 - A. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum
 - <u>Present</u>: Mayor Paul Eckeberger, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Scott, and Councilmembers Larry Sutherland, & Brian LaFlower. <u>Absent</u>: Councilmember Roy Linder. One Council Vacant Seat. Ouorum Established.
 - B. U.S. & Texas Pledges of Allegiance Led by Mayor Paul Eckeberger
 - C. Invocation Led by Councilmember Brian LaFlower

2. Announcements:

- A. Mayor's Legends of Log Cabin Recognition No nominations received, but Mayor Eckeberger expressed appreciation to Pete Silvernail, a previously nominated Legend of Log Cabin, for cleaning up litter around the city.
- B. Employee Service Recognition of Chief Sam Commino for 10 years of service to the City of Log Cabin Chief Commino was not present, but Mayor Eckeberger shared that a plaque had been given to the Chief in appreciation for his service to the City. He continued that it is an honor to serve with him, and that he is professional and has a great staff.
- 3. Public Hearings: None.

4. Staff, Council, & Department Reports:

- A. Mayor's Report Verbal report provided by Mayor Eckeberger, included updates on road issues and asking citizens for patience as the City contends with the weather and resource planning; that the city is allocating available resources and is in the process of picking up donated recycled asphalt from the Texas Dept. of Transportation.
- B. Treasurer's Report Review City Treasurer Alisa Corn
- C. Water Department Report presented by Ms. Corn
- D. Maintenance Department Report presented by Mayor Eckeberger; he explained there are multiple workorders for road repairs that are still pending, and some are for the same areas. He mentioned that there has been a lot of rain recently and reiterated there is a plan to get them addressed.
- E. Police Report Chief Sam Commino; presented by Lt. Amy Meyers
 - i. Promotion of Officer Brandon McKinley to Sergeant
- F. Ordinance Enforcement Report Lt. Amy Meyers
- G. Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Renee Sutherland; provided report verbally that the June 12th meeting was good, there were no permits to review, and that progress was made on the draft of proposed changes to Ordinance 31 Zoning and Building Standards. She believes they will soon have something good to present to Council.
- H. Parks Committee No report/no meeting
- I. Log Cabin Volunteer Fire Department presented by Ms. Thorp
- 5. <u>Consent Agenda</u>: Aaron Scott motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Larry Sutherland seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
 - A. April 17th, 2025 City Council meeting minutes
 - B. Treasurer's Report

6. Citizen Communication:

- Lisa Tedder, Sam Bass Ln, praised Mayor Eckeberger for working on roads and the park, and keeping things clean. This is who they voted for, and kudos to him for showing the effort.
- Renee Sutherland, Daniel Boone and Parks Committee member, shared that the Parks Committee is hard work, but a lot of fun, and they need all the volunteers they can get. She also offered to help get bids for the security doors at City Hall.
- Mike Ward and Mike Ahart, with the Woodland Shores Property Owner's Association (POA) addressed Council concerning the drainage and condition of Paladin Road with a proposal from the POA to provide labor and equipment to clear drainage and resurface roads, if the City can provide and deliver the material. Mayor Eckeberger shared information about this and stated that a formal presentation would be presented at the July Regular Council Meeting.
- 7. <u>Action Items:</u> City Council will discuss, consider, and take any action deemed necessary on items listed in this section, including the adoption of a minute order, a resolution, or an ordinance.
 - A. Appoint Councilmember for vacant seat, term ends May 2026 Mayor Eckeberger explained that two applications were submitted to fill the vacancy, and one was withdrawn. Aaron Scott motioned to appoint Mr. [Rick] Robertson as our new Councilmember for the vacant seat for the term that ends in May 2026. Brian LaFlower seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
 - B. Issue Certificate of Appointment & Swear in new Councilmember Mayor Eckeberger presented Rick Robertson with a Certificate of Appointment and Ms. Thorp administered the Statement of Officer and Oath of Office, at which point Councilmember Rick Robertson joined the dais and assumed his duties.
 - C. David Campos, property lien placed on 14549 Santa Anna Trail, Section 6 Lots 951 & 952 David Campos was present. Mr. Campos stated he was here for a final decision regarding the lien on the property (discussed on May 15th meeting). It was noted that there was not a lien assessed on the Cherokee Ln property, as previously thought. Council discussed. Mr. Campos shared that the buyer of the property brought a check to the city for the full amount of the lien. Ms. Thorp explained that she opted to hold the check pending Council's decision, which is not the typical protocol, but with the circumstances made that offer. Council discussed further. Larry Sutherland motioned to accept \$1,758.26 for the total charge and erase the rest of the compound interest and fees that were on there. Aaron Scott seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed. Mr. Campos thanked the Council.
 - D. Review/compare and discuss proposed updates for Ordinance 87 Duties and Responsibilities of Mayor and Councilmembers and Personnel Policy Aaron Scott presented suggested changes to the ordinance and Council discussed. No action.
 - E. Ordinance 87A Duties and Responsibilities of Mayor and Councilmembers No action.
 - F. Resolution 25-04 Parks Committee Council discussed. Larry Sutherland stated he was willing to serve for the three-month term (July to Sept.; resolution to appoint Parks Committee is done each October). It was noted that a Councilmember is supposed to be on the Committee as Chair or Vice-Chair, and Larry Sutherland confirmed he was willing to serve as Chair. Other volunteers for the committee included Leta Silvernail for Vice-Chair (present), Lisa Tedder (present earlier in the meeting but left) and Teena Linder for Chair (not present). Ms. Silvernail confirmed via text that Ms. Tedder would like to serve, but not as Treasurer. Renee Sutherland stated she would be willing to switch to Treasurer, and Ms. Tedder agreed to serve as secretary, via text. Council discussed. Aaron Scott motioned to approve Resolution 25-04 for the Chair of the Parks Committee to be Larry [Sutherland], Vice-Chair Leta [Silvernail], Secretary Lisa Tedder, and Treasurer Renee Sutherland. Rick Roberston seconded. For: Rick Roberston, Aaron Scott, and Brian LaFlower. Against: None. Abstain: Larry Sutherland. Motion Passed.
 - G. Resolution 25-05 Fireworks Ms. Thorp provided information. Council discussed. No Action.
 - H. Request for donations totaling \$1,000.00 to provide for city-sponsored fireworks display No action.
 - I. Resolution 25-06 to select planning and administration service provider(s) to complete application and project implementation for the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Resilient Communities Program (RCP) funding administered by the Texas General Land Office (TGLO)

- Ms. Thorp and Mayor Eckeberger provided information about the selection process and the scoresheets. Council reviewed. Larry Sutherland motioned to allow GrantWorks to be our administrator. Rick Roberston seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed. Larry Sutherland motioned to approve the resolution. Rick Roberston seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- J. 2025-26 TX Health Benefits Renewal Mayor Eckeberger explained that the rates are not changing this year, and that the City currently pays 80% of the monthly cost of medical insurance for full-time, permanent city employees and the employee pays the other 20%. It was noted that other regional cities pay 100%. Ms. Thorp provided additional information. Council discussed. Larry Sutherland motioned to pay 100% for employee only. Rick Roberston seconded. For: Larry Sutherland and Rick Roberston. Opposed: None. Abstain: Brian LaFlower and Aaron Scott. As a point of order, Mayor Eckeberger asked for clarification. Larry Sutherland motioned that the city pays 100% of employee only insurance. Rick Roberston seconded. For: Larry Sutherland and Rick Roberston. Opposed: None. Abstain: Brian LaFlower and Aaron Scott. Believing it was a tie (Mayor may only vote if there is a tie per Texas Local Government Code §22.037), Mayor Paul Eckeberger voted against the motion to keep the cost share at 80/20. It was pointed out that if the motion failed, there were other cost share options. Mayor Eckeberger entertained another motion. Larry Sutherland motioned to keep it as it is. Aaron Scott seconded, but then Rick Roberston suggested that the City pay 90%. Larry Sutherland made a motion that the city pays 90% of the employee only medical. Rick Roberston seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- K. Discuss proposed plan for water valve repair by Aqua Services related to CDV21-0094 Water Line project Mayor Eckeberger presented the proposal from Aqua Services, which would cost \$13,000.00 and would solve the problem of being able to shut off water and deactivate the old line. It was noted that the installation work would require the elevated water tower to be drained, that it would be timed for minimal discharge and the proposed time for the work to be done would be midnight to 7:00am to cause the least inconvenience to citizens and provide time for the tower to reach required pressure, and that there would be advance notice to citizens when the work is scheduled to happen. Council discussed. Aaron Scott motioned to approve the water valve installation on the new sewer line for \$13,000 to Aqua Services and any cost that is incurred for boil water notices and rescinding boil water notices. Aaron Scott amended his motion to say water line, instead of sewer line. Larry Sutherland seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- L. Address Culvert Drainage and Erosion Issues at City Park Culverts Mayor Eckeberger stated that there are problems on the left and right side of the park with erosion, and he will be reaching out to Tarrant Regional Water District for plans for erosion barriers, but there were no proposals to present yet. No action.
- M. Discuss erosion of areas of boat ramp No action; no proposals or bids received.
- N. Discuss Master Engineer Agreement with Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. (SPI) No action; Mayor Eckeberger explained more time was needed to review the agreement, but that the City does need an engineer.
- O. Discuss Ice Machine for Park Agreement or Lease No action; pending Parks Committee review
- P. Discuss purchase of commercial grade lawn mower for maintenance department Mayor Eckeberger shared multiple quotes for a new mower, and Council reviewed/discussed. It was noted that the City is anticipating funds from the May 2024 disaster that can be used to reimburse the purchase of the mower. Rick Roberston motioned to authorize the purchase of the P&R mower, to use funds that are already here and replace the funds upon receipt (from disaster relief). Aaron Scott seconded. Council discussed. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- Q. Discuss purchase of security grade double doors for City Hall No action; only two proposals gathered for hardware only. Council discussed the need for the doors. It was noted Court Security Funds can be used for this purchase.
- R. Consider/take action on the City live streaming council meetings Council discussed. No action.
- S. Consider/take action on the purchase of equipment to be used to live stream the Council meetings No action.

- T. Discuss implementing an online message board for the City Council Council discussed. No action.
- U. Discuss pending workorders for road repairs No action, previously mentioned/discussed in reports.
- V. July council meeting and budget workshop schedule It was noted there would not be a workshop on June 25th and Council agreed to meet Wednesdays at 7pm in July.
- 8. Adjournment Mayor Eckeberger adjourned the meeting at 10:58pm.

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