



June 30th, 2025 at 7:00pm
City Council Special Meeting & Workshop Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Paul Eckeberger called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

A. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

- Present: Mayor Paul Eckeberger and Councilmembers Roy Linder, Larry Sutherland, & Brian LaFlower. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Scott. Quorum Established.

B. U.S. & Texas Pledges of Allegiance – Led by Mayor Paul Eckeberger

C. Invocation – Led by Councilmember Brian LaFlower

2. **Citizen Communication:**

- Karen Bowen, Goliad, expressed concerns about the road conditions, funding, and what can be done to increase funds to make the roads better. Mayor Eckeberger explained that the donated recycled asphalt from the TX Department of Transportation is almost ready to go out, starting Monday, tentatively, that the City has an Interlocal Agreement with Henderson County (Precinct 1) for road work, and that the city is working on servicing equipment and workorders. Ms. Bowen stated if there are volunteer opportunities, she was willing to help. Brian LaFlower asked about a written plan for road repairs, and the workorder process was detailed. It was noted that the workorders are separate from the interlocal agreement.
- Teena Linder, Poncho Trail, shared that she feels like we have a council that will work with us and get out to know people. She recited information from Texas Local Government Code Ch. 552 Public Information Act, section 552.001 and stated that the people are bosses, not administration or Council. She detailed safety concerns about the City Park. She referenced actions by previous administrations. She expressed that the people are picked on and neglected, and they are tired of it, and it is time the citizens took the city back.
- Chief Corey Abbe, Log Cabin Volunteer Fire Dept., shared that the Fire Chief's Association, Fire Marshall, and Henderson County changed the response boundaries for the fire departments, and they will now only be responding to calls within Log Cabin city limits, and that their only funding now comes from the City. He said he wanted to bring that to Council's attention now so if the City is unable to provide the needed funding, the City will have time to research alternative service providers while the City is still working on the budget. He shared that the department needs \$60-65,000.00 annually to meet current needs and to plan for future needs. It was noted that the City's current budget is \$5,000 per year for the department. Mayor Eckeberger thanked Chief Abbe and stated that they would have a better idea after tonight when they will be able to workshop that part of the budget and will reach out then.
- Teena Linder, Poncho Trail, stated the citizens need to know what shape the budget is in, the exorbitant salaries and the waste, and all that has happened the past few years, mentioning specifically the waste, high grass, easter egg field, and that it is state law that employees' salaries are public record, and she could submit request for information. Ms. Thorp affirmed that a request can be submitted. Ms. Linder referenced the trash they have picked up in years past, and how it looks now. Mayor Eckeberger stated that there are different evaluations happening with the maintenance department, and changes being implemented. Ms. Linder asked about the road materials that were purchased, and how that money could have been used for the fire department. Mayor Eckeberger explained that that material hasn't made it to the roads yet, and it has a shelf life, and that the City would not be going that route again. It was noted that the funds used for the material purchase were out of the Road Fund, which can only be spent on roads and could not be used for the fire

department. Ms. Linder asked if the Road Funds could be used on salaries, and Ms. Thorp responded that it could not.

- Renee Gaitan, Sitting Bull, asked about open City Council volunteer positions and was informed that there are no current vacancies, but three seats will be up for election next May, and candidate packets will be available in January for that. She asked about volunteering with the City, and Mayor Eckeberger shared he would be at City Hall on Thursday at 10am to meet with anyone interested in volunteer opportunities.

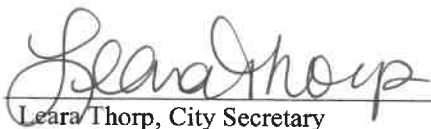
3. **Action Items:** *City Council will discuss, consider, and take any action deemed necessary on items listed in this section, including the adoption of a minute order, a resolution, or an ordinance.*

- A. 2025-26 TX Health Benefits Renewal; revisit motions made at June 19th, 2025 Regular Council Meeting – Ms. Thorp explained that due to the unique situation at the June 19th meeting, she reached out to the Texas Municipal League for clarification on the motions made regarding the renewal for future reference, and learned that technically both motions passed; generally, motions pass if the majority of councilmembers that are present and voting, vote in favor of the motion. Abstentions do not count as support or opposition of a motion. It was decided to bring it back to Council for clarification on which motion they wished to go with, since both passed. Council discussed. Rick Roberston motioned to stick with 90%, and not the 100%. Council discussed it further. Roy Linder seconded. For: Roy Linder and Rick Roberston. Against: Larry Sutherland and Brian LaFlower. To break the tie (Mayor may only vote if there is a tie per Texas Local Government Code §22.037), Mayor Paul Eckeberger voted in favor of the 90%, since that was the motion that passed unanimously at the June 19th meeting. Motion passed.
- B. Request to move \$7,580.88 from Water Fund to General Fund to purchase lawn mower for Maintenance Dept. from PR Equipment (approved on June 19, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting) to be reimbursed with funds from FEMA DR-4781 Category A Project Reimbursement when received – Mayor Eckeberger explained that the agenda was posted on a Tuesday since the Secretary was going to be out of the office Wednesday through Thursday that week, and the only working mower the city had went down over the weekend and previously the intent was to ask for permission to use monies in the Water Fund to make the purchase, but then the mower went down, and since there was a holiday weekend upcoming, and the purchase was already approved, the City moved forward with the transaction. Concern was expressed that the funds were moved prior to Council approval. Council discussed it with present citizen input. Mayor Eckeberger apologized for doing things out of order due to the circumstances and affirmed his desire for transparency. Ms. Thorp provided information about fund transfers and noted that the city does not have a formal policy at this time but would like to have one. Rick Roberston made a motion that there is no official reprimand of the mayor. Brian LaFlower seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed. Mayor Eckeberger noted that this item requires no action, as the agenda was posted before urgent need came about and purchase was made.

4. **Workshop Items (for Discussion only):**

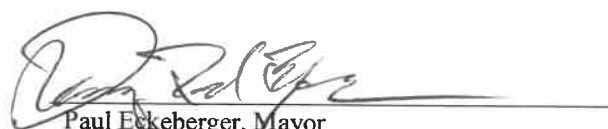
- Review of Budget & Tax Rate – Council reviewed.

5. **Adjournment** – Mayor Eckeberger adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.



Leana Thorp, City Secretary

Approved by Council on: August 21st, 2025



Paul Eckeberger, Mayor

Posted on: 10/8/2025