



July 17th, 2025 at 7:00pm
City Council Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Paul Eckeberger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
 - A. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum
 - **Present:** Mayor Paul Eckeberger, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Scott, and Councilmembers Rick Roberston, Roy Linder, & Larry Sutherland. **Absent:** Councilmember Brian LaFlower. Quorum Established.
 - B. U.S. & Texas Pledges of Allegiance – Led by Mayor Paul Eckeberger
 - C. Invocation – Led by Councilmember Rick Roberston
2. **Announcements:**
 - A. Mayor's Legends of Log Cabin Recognition – No nominations received, but Mayor Eckeberger stated he has observed many people in the community picking up tree limbs and trash, and it's hard to isolate one individual, but is drawn emotionally seeing people going out of their way. He shared that at the Meet the Mayor Breakfast he saw overwhelming support in the community for wanting things better and volunteers.
 - B. Budget Workshops have been rescheduled from Wednesdays to Mondays in July
 - C. The Cedar Creek Lake Area Mayors' Coalition is organizing a Gift Card Drive to support Hill Country residents and first responders impacted by recent flash floods. Please donate \$25 gift cards to stores and restaurants such as Walmart, Lowes, Dollar General, TSC, Whataburger, McDonalds, Chili's, Dairy Queen, Taco Casa, Sonic, Chicken Express, Golden Chick, Church's, Pizza Hut, Little Caesars, Burger King, Taco Bell, Domino's, Subway, and Starbucks. Gift cards can be dropped off at any Cedar Creek Lake area City Hall by July 21st, 2025
3. **Public Hearings:** None.
4. **Staff, Council, & Department Reports:**
 - A. Mayor's Report – Verbal report provided by Mayor Eckeberger; he asked for patience and understanding, things weren't torn up in one day, won't be fixed in one day, and looking at bringing possible options for real change.
 - B. Treasurer's Report Review – City Treasurer Alisa Corn; Ms. Corn explained the updated report form which shows the beginning balance, income, expenses, and ending balances for the General Fund, Water Fund, and Park Savings account. She affirmed that all the financial statements are still emailed to Council.
 - C. Water Department Report – presented by Jeremy Crocker, Aqua Services; Mr. Crocker also responded to a question from Larry Sutherland regarding the water valve replacement project, which will require a planned service outage. He also provided information about the state of the sewer plant, and the overhauls needed.
 - D. Maintenance Department Report – presented by Councilmember Roy Linder; Roy Linder stated that they have been working on Sam Houston potholes, working on equipment, and that there was an issue with the new mower, which is being fixed under warranty. Mayor Eckeberger added that Roy Linder is assisting as a Councilmember and has been critical to keeping the Maintenance Department afloat and identifying needs.
 - E. Police Report – Chief Sam Commينو; presented by Lt. Amy Meyers
 - F. Ordinance Enforcement Report – Lt. Amy Meyers
 - G. Planning and Zoning Commission – Chair Renee Sutherland
 - H. Parks Committee – Chair Larry Sutherland

- i. Resignation of Committee Member Lisa ~~Holmes-Tedder~~
- I. Log Cabin Volunteer Fire Department – presented by Angie Kemp; Captain Kemp and Angie Kemp provided more information about the funding and volunteer needs of the department. Mayor Eckeberger expressed appreciation to the department and encouraged them to not grow weary of doing good. Captain Kemp also praised Chief Cory Abbe for his work on the equipment grants and doing a great job getting the department to where it is with little funding and limited volunteers.
5. **Consent Agenda:** Rick Roberston motioned to accept the minutes from [June] 19th, the Consent Agenda, and Treasurer’s Report. Aaron Scott seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
 - A. June 19th, 2025 City Council meeting minutes
 - B. Treasurer’s Report
6. **Citizen Communication:**
 - Joe Clark, Alamo Rd, signed up to speak concerning Item 7G and opted to wait until that item was discussed.
 - Teena Linder, Poncho Villa, provided her thoughts on Ordinance 87, and read aloud Texas Local Government Code §51.001 and 51.002 regarding the general powers of local government, stating Ordinance 87 is unconstitutional/inconsistent with state law.
 - Leta Silvernail, Jim Bowie, stated that the new ramp at the Red Barn is beautiful and expressed appreciation. Mayor Eckeberger explained that the ramp is ADA compliant, and the labor and materials was donated and installed by the United Methodist Army and their volunteers with supervisors experienced in construction work.
 - Jennifer Christie, Roy Bean, shared past negative experiences at the City’s fishing area and pier and the unsafe behavior she witnessed from adolescents and their parents, and asked the Council for more police presence/patrols. Mayor Eckeberger thanked Ms. Christie for the feedback and explained that the City is trying to address those issues. He also urged citizens to call 911 if they see or experience unsafe behavior. Later in the meeting, Ms. Christie shared that the ladies in the office do a great job, and the police department does too, just need improvements at the park.
7. **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. Wayne Malone, 14187 Roy Bean, damaged fence resolution from Sept. 2021 – Wayne Malone and Jennifer Christie were present. Mayor Eckeberger stated that a timeline of this issue had been compiled and given to Council in their packets, then asked Mr. Malone to share his perspective and what happened. Mr. Malone explained that there was a leak a few years ago, and during the repair, his fence was damaged, and it still hasn’t been fixed. It was noted that Mayor Williams agreed to make repairs to the fence within a certain time frame, contingent on the yard/area being cleared for access. Mr. Malone detailed the delays he has had due to health and weather, and the time frame to clear the area, with extensions, has passed. Council discussed. Mayor Eckeberger asked Council to allow the formulation of a plan to repair the fence and honor the previous mayor’s agreement. No action.
 - B. Review and discuss proposed updates for Ordinance 87 Duties and Responsibilities of Mayor and Councilmembers – Aaron Scott addressed Ms. Linder’s concerns mentioned during Citizen Comments, that the ordinance cites the Texas Local Government Code and asked her to clarify her concerns. Ms. Linder stated that the first adopted version of Ordinance 87 was unconstitutional, and the city is overregulated already. Aaron Scott shared that he learned there was a resolution passed in 2005 that is very vague, but has a similar purpose to Ordinance 87, then detailed his concerns of the ordinance, which have been satisfied with the proposed changes. Item 7B and 7C were discussed together. Council reviewed the proposed updates and discussed.
 - C. Ordinance 87A Duties and Responsibilities of Mayor and Councilmembers – Item 7B and 7C were discussed together. Aaron Scott motioned to approve the new draft of Ordinance 87A. Roy Linder

seconded. For: Roy Linder, Aaron Scott, and Rick Roberston. Opposed: Larry Sutherland. Motion Passed.

- D. Ordinance 43B Council Appointed Boards, Committees, and Commissions – Ms. Thorp explained that the proposed updates put into writing the historic practice of having a Council member appointed to boards, commissions, and committees. Council reviewed and discussed proposed changes, with present citizen input. Larry Sutherland motioned to accept Ordinance 43B. Motion died for lack of second. Rick Roberston made a motion that we (the Council) don't accept 43B. Aaron Scott seconded. For: Roy Linder, Aaron Scott, and Rick Roberston. Opposed: Larry Sutherland. Motion Passed.
- E. Ordinance 88 Regulations for City Council Members Providing Volunteer Services to the City – Ms. Thorp provided information about this new proposed ordinance that was drafted by the City Attorney, Blake Armstrong, authorizing Councilmember to provide volunteer services to the City, with a 6-month limitation for extended volunteer services. Council discussed. Aaron Scott motioned to approve and adopt Ordinance number 88. Roy Linder seconded. For: Roy Linder and Aaron Scott. Opposed: Rick Roberston and Larry Sutherland. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §22.037, Mayor Eckeberger broke the tie, voting in favor of the motion. Motion Passed. It was noted that the volunteer services could not be compensated (dual office holding/gift giving restrictions).
- F. Resolution 25-06 to nominate Councilmember Roy Linder to volunteer in the Maintenance Department until new Maintenance Supervisor is hired, not to exceed six months – Ms. Thorp reviewed the resolution. Council discussed. Aaron Scott motioned to accept Resolution 25-06. Rick Roberston seconded. For: Rick Roberston and Aaron Scott. Opposed: Larry Sutherland. Abstain: Roy Linder. Motion Passed.
- G. Proposal from Woodland Shores Property Owner's Association (POA) to provide labor and equipment for repairs to Paladin Rd with request for City to provide materials and material delivery – Joe Clark asked if this was within the city limits, and Mayor Eckeberger confirmed it was. Council discussed the proposal. Aaron Scott motioned to allow the Mayor to provide 12 yards of the road material to the Woodland Shores Property Owner's Association for the repair of Paladin Road with stipulation that the Mayor will make sure that all drainage issues are taken care of beforehand and the materials will be utilized correctly. Larry Sutherland seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- H. Address Culvert Drainage and Erosion Issue at City Park Culvert – Mayor Eckeberger showed Council pictures and explained the issue, and presented a quote from Hooley Farms, which was the only quote received so far. He said he would keep working on quotes but wanted Council to be aware of the issue. Council discussed. No action at this time.
- I. Discuss erosion of areas of boat ramp – Mayor Eckeberger explained that Hooley Farms is also putting together a quote to address the erosion of the sand underneath the boat launch. Council discussed. No action, pending quotes.
- J. Discuss purchase of security grade double doors for City Hall – Mayor Eckeberger shared that the city has several bids, but nothing to present yet. No action, pending quotes.
- K. Discuss Master Engineer Agreement with Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. (SPI) – Council reviewed, and Ms. Thorp provided more information. No action. Item was revisited after Item 7K. Council discussed. Aaron Scott motioned to enter into a Master Engineer Agreement with SPI. Rick Roberston seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- L. Project authorization request to install dry bed at sewer plant – Mayor Eckeberger shared that there are several issues at the Sewer plan that need to be addressed, and requests will be coming with more detail, for a step-by-step overhaul, and that an engineer will be needed. No action.
- M. August council meeting and budget workshop schedule – Council discussed and determined to continue workshops on Mondays. It was noted that Larry Sutherland would not be present on August 4th. Mayor Eckeberger recessed the meeting at 9:09pm and reopened at 9:17pm.
- N. David Godwin, CPA, 2024 Audit Report – David Godwin was present. Mr. Godwin thanked Council for volunteering their time and thanked the city's staff's thoroughness and promptness. He reviewed the

required governance letter. He affirmed he had no difficulties dealing with management, and there were no disagreements on implemented standards, with no unusual items identified. Mr. Godwin then reviewed the audit report, and shared that he issued an unmodified, clean opinion, with no material weaknesses identified. Mr. Godwin also pointed out some trend analysis in the financial statements. Council discussed and asked questions. Council thanked Mr. Godwin.

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

A. Review 2025-26 Budget – No action/review

9. **Adjournment** – Mayor Eckeberger adjourned the meeting at 9:53pm.



Leana Thorp, City Secretary

Approved by Council on: August 21st, 2025



Paul Eckeberger, Mayor

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