



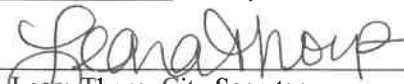
September 18th, 2025 at 7:00pm
City Council Meeting Minutes

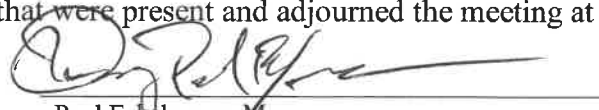
1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Paul Eckeberger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
 - A. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum
 - **Present:** Mayor Paul Eckeberger, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Scott, and Councilmembers Rick Roberston, Roy Linder, Larry Sutherland, and Brian LaFlower. **Absent:** None. Quorum 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 – Mayor Eckeberger shared that there wasn't an individual to present, and he is increasingly impressed by the citizenry, how we come together in times of crisis and trouble, and loves the city based on how we love each other.
 - B. Volunteers are needed for the Parks Committee to help plan and coordinate City events. If you are interested, please reach out to City Hall.
 - C. National Night Out, free community event, October 7th, 2025 6:00pm-8:pm, Malakoff Community Center, 503 N. Terry St., Malakoff, TX 75148
 - D. Breakfast with the Mayor will be on Wednesday, Oct. 8th, 2025 – Mayor Eckeberger added that it starts at 10:00am.
 - E. Halloween Festival will be on Saturday, October 11th, 2025 at the Red Barn. Donations of prizes and candy are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at City Hall during open hours.
 - F. City Clean Up will be on October 24th and 25th, more details to follow – Mayor Eckeberger explained that there is pick-up assistance for homes without an abled-bodied person in residence, and to contact City Hall to sign up.
3. **Public Hearings:** Mayor Eckeberger opened the public hearing at 7:05pm, provided information, then opened the floor for citizen comments. There were no citizen comments or input related to the tax rates. Teena Linder commented on candy donations, and Roy Linder commented on prohibited items for the City Clean Up. Council reviewed the ordinance.
 - A. 2025 Proposed Tax Rate – Aaron Scott moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.462796 per \$100, which is effectively a 4.51% percent increase in the tax rate. Larry Sutherland seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
 - B. Ordinance 90 Adopt 2025 Tax Rate – Aaron Scott made a motion to adopt Ordinance 90 to ratify a total tax rate of \$0.462796/\$100, comprised of a M&O rate of \$0.203363/\$100 and Interest & Sinking (I&S) \$0.259433/\$100. Rick Roberston seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.Mayor Eckeberger closed the Public Hearing at 7:11pm.
4. **Staff, Council, & Department Reports:**
 - A. Mayor's Report – Mayor Eckeberger verbally expressed appreciation to the Council and encouraged them to make decisions based on what benefits the city, to take it seriously, only abstain if there is a conflict of interest and vote wholeheartedly.
 - B. Treasurer's Report Review – City Treasurer Alisa Corn
 - C. Water Department Report – presented by Sarah Neal, Aqua Services
 - D. Maintenance Department Report – presented by Councilmember Roy Linder, he added that there is a lot of road work going on, and trying to keep things mowed. He asked residents and visitors not to litter.

- 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, presented by Larry Sutherland
- H. Parks Committee – Chair Larry Sutherland
- I. Log Cabin Volunteer Fire Department – no report/no representative present
- 5. **Consent Agenda:** Rick Roberston motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Larry Sutherland seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
 - A. N/A – Minutes not ready for presentation
 - B. Treasurer’s Report
- 6. **Citizen Communication:** None.
- 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-F. Michael White, R4U Ventures, LLC, 14663, 14667, and 14671 Butch Cassidy and 14632, 14636, and 14640 Sage Brush, building permit review for new 1,200 sq. ft. single-family residence – Items 7A-F were reviewed concurrently, as the plans were identical. Michael White was present. Council reviewed. Larry Sutherland motioned to accept the building permits for over in Section 14, for Butch Cassidy and Sage Brush, for Michael White, R4 Ventures. Roy Linder seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
 - G. Williard Bishop, Sam Slade Trail, Negligent charge on water bill – Williard Bishop was not present. Mayor Eckeberger explained the situation and conversations he had with Mr. Bishop. Jeremy Crocker and Sarah Neal, of Aqua Services, provided information regarding two leaks caused by the lines being hit by Mr. Bishop’s contractor without line locates. Larry Sutherland motioned that the Council not do anything since it was neglect on his part. Aaron Scott seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
 - H. Rhonda Walters, E. Travis, questions regarding sewer bill charges after a water leak – Rhonda Walters was present and provided information about a leak she had recently and concerns she had about the billing. Mayor Eckeberger explained that there is a proposed change for Ordinance 78 to give office staff the ability to adjust bills in the event of a water leak, upon request. No action.
 - I. Ordinance 78 Water/Sewer proposed 3.5% rate increase and suggestion to eliminate Water Board and provide authority to Water Clerk for bill complaint resolution – Council discussed. Rick Roberston motioned to adopt Ordinance 78 with the proposed 3.5% rate increase, eliminate the Water Board and provide authority to Water Clerk for bill complaint resolution, as written in [7]I. Aaron Scott seconded. For: Brian LaFlower, Roy Linder, Aaron Scott, and Rick Roberston. Opposed: Larry Sutherland. Motion Passed.
 - J. Ordinance 27 Park Rules proposed increase for Season Park Pass and RV Site Rental Fees – Council discussed, with input from present citizens. Larry Sutherland motioned to pass Ordinance 27 for the Log Cabin City Parks. Aaron Scott seconded. For: Larry Sutherland, Aaron Scott, Rick Roberston, and Roy Linder. Opposed: Brian LaFlower. Motion Passed.
 - K. Ordinance 89 Adopt 2025-26 Budget (if no action was taken at the Sept. 17 Special Meeting) – No action.
 - L. Ordinance 44B Police Department to add Assistant Chief designation and provide salary or hourly clarification for Chief and Assistant Chief positions – Council reviewed. Aaron Scott motioned to accept Ordinance 44B for the Police Department to add Assistant Chief designation and provide salary or hourly clarification for the Chief and Assistant Chief positions. Rick Roberston seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
 - M. Ordinance 40B City Secretary to update position from salaried to hourly or salaried – Council reviewed. Aaron Scott motioned to approve Ordinance 40B City Secretary to update position from salaried to hourly or salaried. Rick Roberston seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
 - N. Designate Lt. Amy Meyers as Assistant Chief of the Log Cabin Police Department – Aaron Scott motioned to designate Lt. Amy Meyers as the Assistant Chief of the Log Cabin Police Department. Larry Sutherland seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

- O. Switch Chief and Assistant Chief from hourly to salary, effective. September 29th, 2025 – Aaron Scott motioned to remove the Chief and Assistant Chief from hourly and place them on salary effective September 29th, 2025. Larry Sutherland seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- P. Resolution 25-10 Solid Waste Grant Application – Council discussed. Larry Sutherland motioned to approve and accept Resolution 25-10. Aaron Scott seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- Q. Resolution 25-11 Official Bank – Council reviewed. Larry Sutherland motioned to accept and approve Resolution 25-11. Rick Roberston seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- R. Resolution 25-12 Official Newspaper – Council reviewed. Aaron Scott motioned to approve Resolution 25-12 renaming The Monitor as newspaper of record for the City of Log Cabin. Larry Sutherland seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- S. Resolution 25-13 Parks Committee – Council discussed; Teena Linder and Leta Silvernail volunteered for Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Larry Sutherland shared he is stepping down as Chair of the committee. Aaron Scott motioned to appoint Teena Linder as the Chair, and Leta Silvernail as the Vice-Chair of Parks Committee and continue to take nominations for Secretary and Treasurer. Rick Roberston seconded. For: Aaron Scott, Brian LaFlower, and Rick Roberston. Opposed: Larry Sutherland. Abstain: Roy Linder. Motion Passed.
- T. 2025-26 Caney City Interlocal Agreement for Police Services (if no action was taken at the Sept. 17 Special Meeting) – No action.
- U. Lakeshore Fellowship of Log Cabin Red Barn Rental Agreement – Council discussed. It was noted that Mayor Eckeberger, Rick Roberston, and Roy Linder are members of Lakeshore Fellowship. Aaron Scott motioned to accept the contract for Lakeshore Fellowship of the Log Cabin Red Barn Rental Agreement. Larry Sutherland seconded. For: Larry Sutherland, Brian LaFlower, and Aaron Scott. Opposed: None. Abstain: Rick Roberston and Roy Linder. Motion Passed.
- V. Select contractor/s for water/sewer system operations – Steven and Keely Hartley, Pure Management Services, LLC and Jeremy Crocker and Sarah Neal, Aqua Services, LLC, were present and provided information on their respective proposed contracts. Council discussed and asked questions of both vendors. Present citizens asked questions. Larry Sutherland motioned to accept Aqua Services contract to do our sewer and water and be our maintenance and service contractor. Roy Linder seconded. For: Brian LaFlower, Roy Linder, Aaron Scott, and Larry Sutherland. Opposed: Rick Roberston. Motion Passed.
- W. Request for Free 2026 Pet Registration (normally \$10 each) during October City Wide Clean Up – Council discussed. Aaron Scott motioned to approve the request for Free 2026 Pet Registration during the October City Wide Clean Up. Rick Roberston seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- X. Address Culvert Drainage and Erosion Issue at City Park – Council discussed. Aaron Scott motioned to purchase the culverts as discussed and install them as discussed for the road at the entrance to Rodney Allen's house [Parkway]. Rick Roberston seconded. All in Favor. For: Larry Sutherland, Roy Linder, Aaron Scott, and Rick Roberston. Opposed: Brian LaFlower. Council discussed plan concerns further. Brian LaFlower motioned to cancel the vote and reconsider versus not using the 2" but using the 4". Larry Sutherland seconded. For: Larry Sutherland and Brian LaFlower. Opposed: Roy Linder, Aaron Scott, and Rick Roberston. Mayor Eckeberger recommended taking no action and discuss in October. Mayor Eckeberger recessed the meeting at 8:32pm, and reopened at 8:43pm, and Council considered item 7V.

8. **Adjournment** – Mayor Eckeberger thanked those that were present and adjourned the meeting at 9:47pm.


Leera Thorp, City Secretary


Paul Eckeberger, Mayor

Approved by Council on: October 16th, 2025

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