



## Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes October 28th, 2025

### **1. Call the Meeting to Order**

Mayor Marilyn Burns called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

Present were Mayor Marilyn Burns, Councilor Jimmy Atkison, Councilor Isabella Salazar, Councilor Paul Ramirez, Councilor Amber Hitchcock, Library Director Crystal Weigel, Finance and Administration Director Arnold Ramirez, Town Clerk Amberlee Olivas, Police Chief Scott Conner, Leona Wylie, Parker Hitchcock, Kim Bleyenberg, Char Arellano, Fire Chief Curry Pruitt, Mary Jiron, Senior Center Director Whitney Jaramillo, and Deputy Clerk Micaella Martinez. Absent: Councilor Joe Kalisek.

### **3. Approval/Disapproval of the Agenda**

Councilor Paul Ramirez moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Isabella Salazar seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Isabella Salazar—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Paul Ramirez—Yes. Councilor Joe Kalisek —Absent. The motion carried.

### **4. Approval/Disapproval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/14/2025**

Councilor Isabella Salazar moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Councilor Amber Hitchcock seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Isabella Salazar—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Paul Ramirez—Yes. Councilor Joe Kalisek —Absent. The motion carried.

### **5. Financial Reports**

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the financial reports. Councilor Isabella Salazar seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Isabella Salazar—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Paul Ramirez—Yes. Councilor Joe Kalisek —Absent. The motion carried.

### **6. Public Comments**

None

### **7. Mayor, Councilor, And Department Head Comments**

Councilor Isabella Salazar thanked everyone in attendance and apologized for missing the previous meeting. She stated she would like to see police presence in the afternoon.

Mayor Marilyn Burns invited everyone to the Trunk or Treat event in the Fire Station bay and City Hall parking lot.

### **8. New Business**

#### **A. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 0016-2526 for Certification Incentive Policy for Maintenance Department Employees. (Mayor Burns)**

The discussion addressed the requirement for employees to obtain water and wastewater certification. A maintenance team member's failure to achieve certification within six months



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may result in termination of employment. The Council will reconsider the pay incentive upon successful completion of the certification.

No motion was made. No action was taken.

### **B. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 0017-2526 for Monthly Compensation Increase to \$700.00 for the Mayor of the Town of Tatum. (Mayor Burns)**

Councilor Paul Ramirez moved to approve the pay increase for the Mayor. Councilor Amber Hitchcock seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—No, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Paul Ramirez—Yes. Councilor Isabella Salazar—Abstained, Councilor Joe Kalisek —Absent. The motion did not pass.

### **C. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 0018-2526 of Monthly Compensation Increase to \$750.00 for the Municipal Judge of the Town of Tatum. (Mayor Burns)**

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the pay increase for the Judge. Councilor Paul Ramirez seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—No, Councilor Isabella Salazar—No, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Paul Ramirez—Yes, Mayor Marilyn Burns—Yes. Councilor Joe Kalisek —Absent. The motion carried.

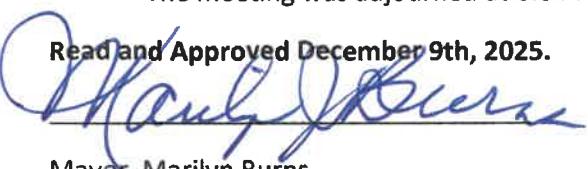
### **D. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 0019-2526 of Adopting Adjustment to 2025-2026 Municipal Budget. (Mayor Burns)**

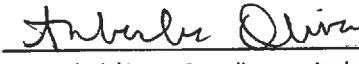
Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve Resolution No. 0019-2526 of Adopting Adjustment to 2025-2026 Municipal Budget. Councilor Isabella Salazar seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Isabella Salazar—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Paul Ramirez—Yes. Councilor Joe Kalisek —Absent. The motion carried.

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Read and Approved December 9th, 2025.

  
Mayor, Marilyn Burns

  
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Town Clerk/Grant Coordinator, Amberlee Jimenez Olivas