



Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes January 27th, 2026

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Mayor Isabella Salazar called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Isabella Salazar, Councilor Jimmy Atkison, Councilor Mary Jiron, Councilor Amber Hitchcock, Councilor Joe Kalisek, Councilor Leona Wylie, Library Director Crystal Weigel, Finance and Administration Director Arnold Ramirez, Town Clerk Amberlee Olivas, Police Chief Scott Conner, Senior Center Director Whitney Jaramillo, Public Works Director Joe Garcia, Janice Derrick, Teresa Grady, JW Grady, Dennis Merrill, Vasshawn Robinson, and Everett Haynes.

3. Approval/Disapproval of the Agenda

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the amended agenda, including Item 10B, *Consideration of Increase in Municipal Budget to Address Staffing, Equipment, and Compliance Needs*, and Item 10C, *Consideration of Certifying Arnold Ramirez as a Translator and Interpreter for the Municipal Court Budget* and no closed session instead moving the closed session to discussion item. Councilor Jimmy Atkison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

4. Approval/Disapproval of the Special Meeting Minutes from 01/19/2026

Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 19th, 2026. Councilor Joe Kalisek seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

5. Financial Reports

Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve the financial reports. Councilor Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Mayor, Councilor, And Department Head Comments

Councilor Mary Jiron thanked the police and maintenance departments for working through the harsh snowy conditions. She reminded the community that many children received electric scooters and bikes, which are hard to see, and encouraged residents to keep an eye out for them.

Councilor Amber Hitchcock requested a "Slow-Children at Play" sign on Green St.

Councilor Leona Wylie thanked the police and maintenance staff for their dedication to the community despite the snowy conditions.

Mayor Isabella Salazar thanked everyone in attendance.



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8. Discussion Items

A. Discussion and direction regarding development of an alcohol and drug testing policy, for full-time, part-time, temporary, seasonal, and volunteer personnel.

Discussion included developing a policy with the direction and input from the Town Attorney, Patrick McMahon.

9. Action Item

A. Consideration and Approval of Lea County Heroes Program for Veterans Banners (Teresa Grady)

Councilor Joe Kalisek moved to approve the Lea County Heroes Program for Veterans Banners. Councilor Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

B. Consideration and Approval of Increasing the Municipal Budget (Judge Winteregg)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve a municipal budget adjustment. Councilor Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

C. Consideration and Approval of Certifying Arnold Ramirez as a translator and interpreter for Municipal Court (Judge Winteregg)

Councilor Joe Kalisek moved to approve the certification of Arnold Ramirez as translator and interpreter for Municipal Court. Councilor Amber Hitchcock seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration and Approval of Making Doorway Entrance from the Council Chambers Room to the Court Clerk Administration Room. (Judge Winteregg)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the construction of a doorway from the Council Chambers Room to the Court Clerk Administration Room and to select a contractor after reviewing bids. Councilor Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

E. Consideration and Approval of Making Doorway Entrance from Council Chambers Room to Hallway (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the construction of a doorway entrance from the Council Chambers Room to the hallway and to select a contractor after reviewing bids. Councilor Joe Kalisek seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.



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F. Consideration and Approval of Cleaning Up the Pony League Field To Be Used For Cemetery Parking. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the cleanup of the Pony League Field to be used for cemetery parking. Councilor Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

G. Consideration and Approval to Change Public Comments from 2 Minutes to 3 Minutes (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Leona Wylie moved to approve the change of public comments from 2 minutes to 3 minutes. Councilor Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—No, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

H. Consideration and Approval of Quote No. 2855 from J & H Services Inc in the Amount of \$23,337.19 for Sewer. (Joe Garcia)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve J&H Services Inc with updated quote for sewer services. Councilor Leona Wylie seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—No, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—No, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

I. Consideration and Approval of Demolition of the Old Texico Building. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Mary Jiron moved to approve the demolition of the Old Texico Building. Councilor Jimmy Atkison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

J. Consideration and Approval of Cleaning Up the Grass Area South of the Community Building to Extend Parking Lot. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the cleanup of the grass area south of the community building to extend parking lot. Councilor Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Isabella Salazar adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Read and Approved February 10th, 2026.

Mayor, Isabella Salazar



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Arnold Ramirez

Finance and Administration Director, Arnold Ramirez