



Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes April 28, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron, Councilor Amber Hitchcock, Councilor Joe Kalisek, Councilor Leona Wylie, Town Clerk Amberlee Olivas, Library Director Crystal Weigel, Police Sergeant Les Jimerson, Maintenance Member Jon Puckett, Dennis Merrill, Christina Wallace, Carl Tennison, Janice Derrick, Denise Null, Nancy Jones, Sarah Puckett, Linda Harton, Lisa Tupa, Kari Hale, James Taylor, Beverta Houston, and Stevie Stroud.

3. Approval/Disapproval of the Agenda

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the agenda with the correction under Approval of the Minutes from the date change from Regular Meeting March 14, 2026, to April 14, 2026. Councilor Jimmy Atkison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem 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 04/01/2026 and Regular Meeting Minutes April 14, 2026.

Councilor Leona Wylie moved to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on 04/01/2026 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026. Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes, and Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes. The motion carried.

5. Financial Reports

The Council will wait for Finance and Administration Director Arnold Ramirez to present.

6. Public Comments

Sarah Puckett – Informed the Council and the Mayor that Jon has passed his GED test. Additionally, she questioned what the difference was between some employees being paid to get their GED and others doing it on their own time.

Dennis Merrill – Dennis spoke with Iron J Services. Dennis had a problem with work given to Iron J because Iron J Services is Mayor Pro-Tem's Husband's business. He is concerned about objectivity and is also concerned about Council Members also serving on other boards.

Jon Puckett- Maintenance Member, Jon Puckett, asked if he could get his vacation hours back since he was unaware that he should have used his work time to complete his training. Additionally, he requested clarification on the on call hours.

Beverta Houston- Spoke against the new restrictions for the Tatum Senior Center.



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Carl Tennison – Carl Tennison questioned if the Town has sought a secondary lawyer. Carl informed the Council that the Clovis Senior Center allows their Seniors to play cards.

7. Mayor, Councilor, and Department Head Comments

Councilor Jimmy Atkison – Councilor Jimmy Atkison believed the Senior Center situation could've been handled better.

Councilor Joe Kalisek – Councilor Joe Kalisek specified that public buildings cannot be used for personal benefit. The building tore down on Highway 380 needs to be hauled off.

8. Action Items

A. Consideration and Approval of Adopting Ordinance No. 0002-2526 Enacting and Pertaining to Off-Highway Motor Vehicles in the Town limits of Tatum. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Leona Wylie moved to approve Ordinance No. 0002-2526 Enacting and Pertaining to Off-Highway Motor Vehicles in the Town Limits. Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—No, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

B. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 0028-2526 Adopting Adjustments to FY 2026 Budget. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve Resolution No. 0028-2526 Adopting Adjustments to FY 2026 Budget. Councilor Leona Wylie seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

C. Consideration and Approval of Rio Grace, LLC Estimate of \$9,950.00 for the Purchase of Trees with the NM Clean and Beautiful Grant. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the purchase of 25 trees or the remaining balance of the NM Clean and Beautiful Grant. Councilor Jimmy Atkison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

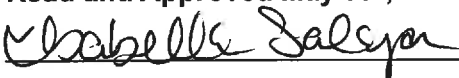
D. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 0029-2526 Purchasing Regulation Policy. (Mayor Salazar)

No Motion Made

9. Adjournment

Mayor Isabella Salazar adjourned the meeting at 07:55 p.m.

Read and Approved May 5th, 2026.



Mayor, Isabella Salazar



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Town Clerk, Amberlee Olivas