

# Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes June 10th, 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 Joe Kalisek, Councilor Paul Ramirez, Councilor Isabella Salazar, Councilor Amber Hitchcock, Finance and Administrative Director Arnold Ramirez, Library Director Crystal Weigel, Town Clerk Amberlee Olivas, Police Chief Scott Conner, Christina Wallace, Sarah Puckett, Makenna Humphries, Leona Wylie, Lisa Tupa, Ambulance Chief Lilia Orrantia, and Fire Chief Curry Pruit.

# 3. Approval/Disapproval of the Agenda

Councilor Isabella Salazar moved to change 9A to, "Consideration and Approval for the Purchase of Fireworks in the Amount of \$7,500." Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the agenda with changes to line 9A. Councilor Joe Kalisek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 4. Approval/Disapproval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from 05/13/2025

Councilor Isabella Salazar moved to approve the minutes from May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Councilor Jimmy Atkison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 5. Department Report

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the department reports. Councilor Isabella Salazar seconded the motion. The motion carried.

# 6. Financial Reports

Finance and Administrative Director Arnold Ramirez presented the financial report.

Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve the financial report. Councilor Isabella Salazar seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### 7. Public Comments

Leona Wylie thanked the Tatum Police Department for their swift response and policing of the town.

Librarian Crystal Weigel informed the public that the new flooring installation will begin 06/11/2025. The Veteran assistance program will be at the library June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Scott Conner commended Court Clerk Roseann Burch on an exceptional job handling the tedious tasks.

# 8. Mayor, Councilor, And Department Head Comments



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Councilor Isabella Salazar thanked everyone in attendance. She's grateful that our emergency siren is working well. Suggests a 4 way stop at Avenue C and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Requests a step by step on the County Housing Incentive Program. Questions if the roofing companies have gotten a business license.

Councilor Joe Kalisek informs the town that Tatum has received a 94 score on the SERTPO committee meeting.

Mayor Marilyn Burns informs the citizens of the needed new lining for the sewer lines.

#### 9. New Business-

A. Consideration and Approval for the Purchase of Fireworks in the Amount of \$7,500 to be Paid From the General Fund (Councilor Isabella Salazar).

After discussion, Councilor Isabella Salazar moves to approve the purchase of fireworks in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Joe Kalisek seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Isabella Salazar —Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Paul Ramirez—Yes.

B. Consideration and Approval Procedure for Councilors to Request Agenda Items (Councilor Isabella Salazar).

Discussion from Councilor Isabella Salazar consisted of why the Mayor should be briefed on matters being put on the agenda.

C. Consideration and Approval of Award for the CDBG Water System Improvement Project to J & H Services Inc (Mayor Burns).

Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve CDBG Water System Improvement Project to J & H Services Inc. Councilor Amber Hitchcock seconded the motion. The motion carried. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Isabella Salazar —Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Paul Ramirez—Yes.

D. Consideration and Approval of the Purchase of Hustler Raptor XD Mower for the Maintenance Department (Joe Garcia).

Councilor isabella Salazar moved to approve the purchase of the Hustler Raptor XD Mower. Councilor Amber Hitchcock seconded the motion.

**E. Consideration and Approval of Tatum Chamber's" 4**<sup>th</sup> **of July Parade (Lilia Orrantia).**Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve the Tatum Chamber's" **4**<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Councilor Isabella Salazar **seconded** the motion.

### 10. Adjournment

Councilor Isabella Salazar adjourned the meeting at 6:37PM.

Read and Approved June 24th, 2025.

Mayor, Marilyn Burns

Town Clerk/Grant Coordinator, Amberlee Jimenez Olivas