



Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes June 09, 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, Finance and Administration Director Arnold Ramirez, Town Clerk Amberlee Olivas, Public Works Director Joe Garcia, Library Director Crystal Weigel, Police Chief Scott Conner, Carl Tension, Denise Null, Senior Center Director Whitney Jaramillo, and Judge Phil Winteregg.

3. Approval/Disapproval of the Agenda

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the agenda with the correction to 10E, "316 S Ave A." 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 Meeting Minutes from 05/26/2026

Councilor Mary Jiron moved to approve the minutes with the addition of Councilor Amber Hitchcock to the roll call. 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.

Approval/Disapproval of the Budget Workshop Minutes on 05/28/2026

Councilor Mary Jiron moved to approve the budget workshop minutes from May 28th, 2026. 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.

5. Department Updates

Librarian Crystal Weigel has kicked off the summer program. The dinosaur theme has been a fun challenge for children and especially Kim White as they tried to pronounce the names. The library is at 82 degrees, so she will be looking for a technician to diagnose the problem.

Senior Center Director Whitney Jaramillo presented her new spreadsheet and requested changes to the operating hours to better accommodate the need of the Seniors. The Center had about 40 attendees for Taco Tuesday.

Police Chief Scott Conner informed the Mayor and Council about the citations and arrests. Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer Karen Bailon is training all week in Hobbs. Chief Conner and Sergeant Les Jimerson are training in Eunice on June 10th while Cesar and Cole will train on June 11th.



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Chief Conner revisited the topic of on-call pay for officers and requested compensation for those on call.

The Fire Department is requesting a 4x4 fire truck.

Public Works Director Joe Garcia and team have been mowing throughout the town.

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the department reports. 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.

6. Financial Reports

Finance and Administration Director Arnold Ramirez presented the financial report.

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the financial reports. Councilor Leona Wylie 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.

7. Public Comments

Denise Null – Owner and operator of Little Giggles on Eubanks Ave has officially opened.

8. Mayor, Councilor, and Department Head Comments

Councilor Mary Jiron – Councilor Mary informed Chief Conner that a few citizens are concerned about the speed of trucks entering town on highway 206 near the school crosswalk. She also noted that there are citizens racing down 5th street.

Mayor Isabella Salazar – Mayor Isabella Salazar thanked all in attendance. She expressed her appreciation to the Catholic Church on their donation of the building at 802 E 5th St. Mayor Salazar thanked Councilor Mary Jiron, Finance and Administration Director Arnold Ramirez, Town Clerk Amberlee Olivas for their work towards establishing the building to a dual use as a heat and cooling station and food pantry.

9. Action Items

A. Consideration and Approval of Garcia and Son Construction Quote for \$15,969.85 for the Remodeling of Town Park Restroom. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the Garcia and Son construction quote for \$15,969.85 for the remodeling of Town Park restrooms. Councilor Leona Wylie 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 Resolution No. 0031-2526 Adopting Travel and Reimbursement Policy. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve Resolution No. 0031-2526 Adopting Travel and Reimbursement Policy. Councilor Joe Kalisek seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy



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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 Adding Rumble Strips at 4-Way Stop on Intersection of Broadway St. and Main St. (Mayor Salazar)

Carl Tennison spoke in opposition to the rumble strips being installed.

Councilor Amber Hitchcock rescinded the motion to add rumble strips. 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.

D. Consideration and Approval of \$5,400 for RCI Fixed Asset Inventory and Reconciliation. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Mary Jiron moved to approve the \$5,400 purchase for RCI Fixed Asset Inventory and Reconciliation. 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.

E. Consideration and Approval for Citizen Esmeralda Ramirez to Remove Curb at 316 S Ave A for New Driveway. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve allowing Esmeralda Ramirez to remove the curb at 316 S Ave A for new driveway. 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.

F. Consideration and Approval to move Municipal Court Budget from General Fund to Police Fund. (Mayor Salazar)

Judge Phil Winteregg spoke in opposition stating that the wording needed to be better if going to do it.

No Motion Made

G. Consideration and Approval of Changing Finance and Administration Director to Town Manager. (Mayor Salazar)

No Motion Made

10. Adjournment

Mayor Isabella Salazar adjourned the meeting at 06:44 p.m.

Read and Approved June 23rd, 2026.

Mayor, Isabella Salazar



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Amberlee Olivas

Town Clerk, Amberlee Olivas



Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes May 26, 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, Finance and Administration Director Arnold Ramirez, Town Clerk Amberlee Olivas, Library Director Crystal Weigel, Sergeant Les Jimerson, Carl Tennison, Janice Derrick, Denise Null, and Senior Center Director Whitney Jaramillo.

3. Approval/Disapproval of the Agenda

Councilor Mary Jiron moved to approve the agenda. 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 Meeting Minutes from 05/12/2026

Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 12th, 2026. 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.

5. Department Updates

Librarian Crystal Weigel is continuing to plan for the summer program to avoid as much overlap as possible with the Vacation Bible School program.

Senior Center Director Whitney Jaramillo informed the public of a CPR training on June 4th, 2026 at the Senior Center.

6. Financial Reports

Finance Administration Director Arnold Ramirez presented the financial reports. The presentation included the transaction by detail report. Mr. Arnold continued to inform the Mayor and Council that he is continuing to work on the interim fiscal year 2026-2027 budget.

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the financial reports. Councilor Leona Wylie 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.

7. Public Comments

Denise Null – Owner and operator of Little Giggles on Eubanks Ave. Due to the heavy rainfall, her front area on Eubanks Ave looks like a small lake.



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Mrs. Null thanked Iron J Services for a job well done at the little league field. Unfortunately, Denise Null has pulled her children from the little league program citing safety as her main concern and overall poor organization by the Little League..

Mrs. Null requested a 4th of July parade.

Janice Derrick- Janice Derrick states that she loves the friendliness of Tatum and the little league program of the summer. Unfortunately, Mrs. Derrick had to withdraw her children from the league.

8. Mayor, Councilor, and Department Head Comments

Councilor Mary Jiron – Councilor Mary informed those present that the Little League Baseball rules come from the State Little League Guidelines.

Councilor Amber Hitchcock – Councilor Amber circled back to the Rumble Strips on Highway 380 and State Highway 206. She was informed by the NMDOT that they would be placed at 50ft, 100ft, 300ft, and 500 ft. Mrs. Janice Derrick opposed that many rumble strips.

Councilor Leona Wylie – Councilor Leona informed everyone about the dead trees at the cemetery and park.

Mayor Isabella Salazar – Mayor Isabella Salazar thanked all in attendance. She expressed her appreciation to the citizens for voicing their opinions. Mayor Salazar thanked everyone for the prayers and for celebrating the birth of her healthy baby girl.

9. Action Items

A. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 0030-2526 Adopting Drug and Alcohol Policy. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve Resolution No. 0030-2526 Adopting Drug and Alcohol Policy. Councilor Leona Wylie 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 To Proceed with the Demolition of the Texaco Building, if no Grant is Awarded. Contractor Selected from Three Quotes. (Mayor Salazar)

No Motion Made

C. Consideration and Approval of Six New Dell All In One Desktops for Tatum Library. (Library Director Crystal Weigel)

Councilor Mary Jiron moved to approve the purchase of six new dell all-in-one desktop computers for the Tatum Library. Councilor Leona Wylie seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Abstained, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration and Approval of Car Port for Tatum Library. Quotes are provided. (Library Director Crystal Weigel)



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Councilor Mary Jiron moved to approve the carport for Tatum Library through Renewed Construction not to exceed grant funding. Councilor Jimmy Atkison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Councilor Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Abstained, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. The motion carried.

E. Consideration and Approval of PO# 2526-801 to Souder, Miller, & Associates for Utility Asset Management Plan in the amount of \$7,494.07. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the PO#2526-801 to Souder, Miller, & Associates for Utility Asset Management Plan in the amount of \$7,494.07. 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.

F. Consideration and Approval of the Ramirez and Sons CES Proposal for Concrete and Paving Services for the Senior Citizen Center Project. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Amber Hitchcock moved to approve the CES Proposal with Ramirez and Sons. 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.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Isabella Salazar adjourned the meeting at 06:14 p.m.

Read and Approved June 9th, 2026.

Mayor, Isabella Salazar

Town Clerk, Amberlee Olivas