



**CITY OF BANDERA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Bandera City Hall, 511 Main Street, Bandera, Texas
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM

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MINUTES

1. City Council –Determine quorum present and call meeting to order.

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Denise Griffin, Councilmember DeAnna McCabe, Councilmember Tammy Morrow, Councilmember Debbie Breen, Councilmember Jeff Flowers, Councilmember Allen Jehle.

2. Invocation and Pledge.

Mayor Griffin offered the invocation, and all stood for the pledges.

3. Visitors to be heard (shall not exceed 30 minutes total).

There was one visitor to be heard Laura Devenport who addressed her disappointment for the TNR program not being in the budget.

4. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of minutes from August 4, 2025, August 17, 2026, August 25, 2026, and September 8, 2026 City Council Meetings.

Councilmember Morrow moved to pull the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember McCabe.

All in favor. Motion passes.

There was some discussion on a few mistakes in the minutes and adding more to them. City Administrator Kunz explained these are action minutes and are not meant to have the back-and-forth conversation.

Councilmember Breen moved to bring the minutes back with changes. Seconded by Councilmember Morrow.

All in favor. Motion passes.

5. Proclamation.

A. Proclamation for DAR Constitution Week.

Mayor Griffin read and presented the proclamation for Constitution week.

6. Public Hearing.

A. Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 6:50PM.

There was discussion on the budget and why the salaries were not reduced and how they were split in each department and how it does not look very transparent. There was more discussion about the positions at city hall. There was some confusion about the documents that were in the packet and what was sent later in the week. Administrator Kunz explained the table that she sent out in more detail. Breen asked where the head that was cut was at. Kunz stated there was no dollar amount

associated with the cut to remove from the budget. She further stated that she agreed to do the three jobs with two people but there was no dollar amount that was agreed to.

Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 7:18PM.

7. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. Approval of Ordinance 462 adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027. This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$24,168, which is a 2.40% decrease from last year's budget.**

Mayor Griffin read the Ordinance aloud. There was some confusion on what the Ordinance was approving.

Councilmember Flowers moved to approve Ordinance 462 adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, seconded by Councilmember Morrow.

Councilmember Breen suggests they move out \$30,000.00 and then approve. There was discussion about leaving it there and moving it later. Kunz stated that she has no idea what the repercussions are of not passing it. Councilmember Breen continues to say she wanted a head cut. Councilmember Flowers called for a vote.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Flowers

Voting Nay: Councilmember Morrow, Councilmember McCabe, Councilmember Breen

Motion fails

Kunz continues to tell them that they cannot have another public hearing to adopt the budget before the deadline September 30, 2026, at 5PM. Mayor Griffin suggests adopting as is and then at the next meeting make a budget amendment. The mayor stated she cannot make the motion, so Breen asked Jeff to remake his motion.

Councilmember Flowers moved to approve Ordinance 462 adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, seconded by Councilmember Morrow.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Breen, Councilmember Morrow,

Voting Nay: Councilmember McCabe

Motion passes

Councilmember Breen made a motion to make budget amendments in the next City council meeting, second Councilmember Morrow.

All in favor. Motion passes.

8. Public Hearing.

- A. Proposed Tax Rate for 2026**

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 7:49 pm read the information about the tax rate and closed the public hearing at 7:52

9. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. Approval of Ordinance 463 levying a property tax rate for the tax rate year 2027 at ~~\$0.569939~~ \$0.567163 per \$100 of value.**

Councilmember Flowers moved to approve Ordinance 463, seconded by Councilmember Morrow.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Breen, Councilmember Morrow, Councilmember McCabe

All in favor. Motion passes.

- B. Approval of Resolution 2026-009 ratifying the property tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.569939, which consists of a \$0.110258 Debt Rate and a \$0.459681 Maintenance & Operations Rate. The adopted tax rate represents no change from the tax rate adopted for the previous fiscal year.**

This item was skipped and was not necessary.

- C. Acceptance of resignation from Lynn Palmer from the Bandera City Council.**

Councilmember Breen moved to accept the resignation and remove Lynn Palmer from the City bank accounts. Seconded by Councilmember Morrow.

All in favor. Motion passes.

- D. Appoint a City Council member to fill the vacancy on the City Council Board until the November 3, 2026 election.**

Councilmember Morrow moved to appoint Allen Jehle to fill the vacancy. Seconded by Councilmember Flowers.

All in favor. Motion passes.

Mayor Griffin swore in Allen Jehle. Councilmember Jehle joined the council at the dais.

- E. Discuss and consider approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by resolution a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2027 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program – Community Development Fund (TxCDBG-CD) grant of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and authorizing the execution of a contract.**

Councilmember McCabe moved to table items E and F. Seconded by Councilmember Morrow.

All in favor. Motion passes.

- F. Discuss and consider approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by resolution a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2028 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program – Community Development Fund (TxCDBG-CD) grant of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and authorizing the execution of a contract.**

- G. Adopt updated HOT Funds Policy.**

There was discussion on the new policy versus the old policy. Kunz explained she did some clean up on the wording, removed the restriction of only awarding 50% of available funds and one applicant could not receive more than 25% is still part of the policy. There was further discussion on saving some of the HOT funds for the welcome signs.

Councilmember Breen moved to adopt the new HOT funds policy. Second, by Councilmember McCabe. All in favor. Motion passes.

Councilmember Breen moved that we ear tag \$40,000.00 for the city council welcome sign project. Second, by Councilmember McCabe. All in favor. Motion passes.

- H. Award HOT funds for 2025-2026 year.**

Councilmember McCabe moved to table. Second by Councilmember Jehle.

All in favor. Motion passes.

10. Requests and Announcements.

- A. Requests by Council to place items on an agenda.** Hot funds Applicants, Grant, review RFP at the next meeting for Attorneys.
- B. Announcements by Council.** Looking for volunteers for the Bandera County Fair.
- C. City Administrator Update.** No update

11. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

/s/ Jill Shelton Dickerson

Jill Shelton Dickerson, City Secretary