

**BURLESON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2025
MINUTES**

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Johnson
Phil Anderson
Alexa Boedeker
Chris Fletcher
Larry Scott
Dan McClendon
Adam Russell

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Staff present

Tommy Ludwig, City Manager
Eric Oscarson, Deputy City Manager
Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager
Amanda Campos, City Secretary
Monica Solko, Deputy City Secretary
Matt Ribitzki, Deputy City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Fletcher called the meeting to order. **Time: 9:03 a.m.**

2. CITIZEN APPEARANCES

- None.

3. BUDGET

A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget and related items. (*Staff Contact: Tommy Ludwig, City Manager*)

City Manager Tommy Ludwig presented the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget, including supplemental requests, fee changes, fund forecasts, capital improvement programs, and departmental financial overviews. The Finance Committee expressed overall support, recommending a tax rate of \$0.7218 (Voter Approval Rate with increment), restoring merit, step increases and Public Safety Equity Adjustments to October 1, 2025, and budgeting three paramedics and one police officer effective January 1, 2026.

During discussion, members expressed concerns with raising the tax rate but were supportive of using the additional funds for roadway maintenance, public safety, and employee pay adjustments. While noting that the tax rate had decreased in the past, the consensus was that the proposed increase is necessary to maintain service levels and address infrastructure needs.

City Council consensus is to adopt \$0.7218 tax rate with increment; implement Merit and Step Pay and Public Safety Equity Adjustments on October 1 (retroactive for General Fund for merit); delay hiring of three paramedics and one police officer until January 1, 2026; all other items funded October 1.

RECESS AND BACK TO ORDER

Mayor Fletcher recessed for a short break at 10:43 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 11:00 a.m. with all members present.

B. CSO#5875-08-2025, resolution proposing a tax rate for the 2025 tax year with a record vote. (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessy, Interim Director of Finance)

Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager, explained the purpose of the resolution to the city council.

Motion made by Alexa Boedeker and seconded by Dan McClendon to approve the resolution to give notice of a proposed maximum tax rate for 2025 tax year of \$0.7218 dollars per \$100 value.

A record vote was taken with the following results:

For: Chris Fletcher, Mayor
Victoria Johnson, Place 1
Phil Anderson, Place 2
Alexa Boedeker, Place 3
Larry Scott, Place 4
Dan McClendon, Place 5
Adam Russell, Place 6

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion passed 7-0.

C. CSO#5876-08-2025, minute order setting the date and time of the public hearings on the proposed 2025 tax rate and Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget to occur during the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)

Motion made by Victoria Johnson and seconded by Adam Russell to approve a minute order setting the public hearings on the proposed 2025 tax rate and Fiscal Year 2025-2026 proposed budget on September 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to occur in the City Council Chambers of Burleson City Hall.

Motion passed 7-0.

4. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene in Executive Session in the City Council Workroom in City Hall to conduct a closed meeting to discuss any item listed on this Agenda. The City Council may reconvene into open session and take action on posted items.

A. Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek the advice of the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code

- No executive session was needed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Adam Russell and seconded by Victoria Johnson to adjourn.

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting.

Time: 11:05 p.m.

Monica Solko
Deputy City Secretary