

City of Burnet City Council



Item Brief

Meeting Date

June 10, 2025

Agenda Item

Discuss and consider action: Direction to staff regarding the start time for regular City Council meetings: D. Vaughn

Information

Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, Sec. 2-24. of the Code of Ordinances states:

“City council shall hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each calendar month at 6:00 p.m., at the city council chambers, subject to the following: (1) Change of meeting date. City council by ordinance, resolution, or order may change the date or time for a future regular meeting or meetings.”

Council meetings have traditionally started at 6:00 p.m., presumably to allow members of the public to attend after work. However, this often results in staff already having worked a 9- to 10-hour day prior to the start of the meeting, which may then extend until 8:30 or 9:00 p.m.

To help ensure that meetings conclude at a reasonable hour, while still ensuring the public has ample opportunity to attend, staff would like to propose starting the meetings at either 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. This approach is consistent with other similarly sized Texas cities, including Rockdale, Liberty Hill, Jefferson, Longview, and Grand Prairie.

Staff is seeking direction from Council regarding this possible change. If Council wishes to proceed, staff will bring the item back at a future meeting to approve the necessary changes to the ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Provide staff direction regarding a possible change to the regular City Council meeting start time.