

STATE OF TEXAS {}

COUNTY OF BURNET {}

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On this, the 23rd day of September 2025, the City Council of the City of Burnet convened in a Regular Session, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 2402 S. Water, Burnet, TX thereof with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor Gary Wideman

Council Members Cindia Talamantez, Tommy Gaut, Philip Thurman, Tres Clinton,
Joyce Laudenschlager, and Ricky Langley

City Manager David Vaughn

City Secretary Maria Gonzales

Guests: Keith McBurnett, Haley Archer, Eric Belaj, Jessi Carpenter, Habib Erkan, Jr., Jonathan Forsyth, Veronica Hernandez, Mark Ingram, Leslie Kimbler, Thad Mercer, Tony Nash, Andrew Scott, Raymond Whelan

Call to Order: Mayor Gary Wideman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Gary Wideman

PLEDGES (US & TEXAS): Led by Council Member Philip Thurman

SPECIAL REPORTS/RECOGNITION:

5.1) Engineering Quarterly Report: E. Belaj:

City Engineer Eric Belaj provided an update on the Public Works Department, reporting that the fog seal project was completed over the summer, along with paving on various streets. Additional street improvements are planned soon for areas around the downtown square.

He noted that TDEM has cleared several creeks that sustained damage during the July 2025 flood. The Street Department has primarily focused on citywide cleanup efforts resulting from storm-related wind damage, a large fire, and the recent flood.

Mr. Belaj also gave an update on the Electric Department, highlighting current work order activity and collaboration with companies such as Spectrum, Vyve, Frontier, and AT&T to relocate their communication lines. The Parks Department has directed its efforts toward restoring the quadplex fields and repairing flood damage.

It was also reported that the Water/Wastewater Department has been busy replacing fire hydrants, repairing water main leaks, and installing new pumps throughout the City.

5.2) August Financial Report: P. Langford:

Finance Director Patricia Langford reported that the City is performing well compared to the budget,

currently showing a profit of \$1,743,831, largely due to primary revenues coming in higher than average. She noted that several departments—including Electric, Golf, and Water/Wastewater—are operating well above their projected budgets. Additionally, the City’s financial reserves remain strong, with an “unrestricted” cash balance exceeding the 90-day reserve at \$1,244,114, and a “restricted by Council” cash balance of \$5,209,649.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

6.1) Approval of the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Tommy Gaut made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Philip Thurman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

8.1) Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2025-73: M. Gonzales

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE BURNET CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR THE YEARS 2026-2027; AND PROVIDING FOR OPEN MEETING CLAUSES: M. Gonzales

Council Member Ricky Langley made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2025-73 as presented. Council Member Joyce Laudenschlager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.2) Discuss and consider action: Purchase of a Bucket Truck for the Electric Department: A. Scott

Council Member Philip Thurman made a motion to approve the purchase of a bucket truck in the amount of \$263,847. Council Member Cindia Talamantez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.3) Discuss and consider action: Purchase of a Hydro-Evacuation Trailer for City Operations: J Forsyth

Council Member Tres Clinton made a motion to approve the purchase of a hydro-evacuation trailer as presented. Council Member Joyce Laudenschlager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.4) Discuss and consider action: Purchase of a Meter Service Truck: J. Forsyth

Council Member Ricky Langley made a motion to approve the purchase of a meter service truck as presented. Council Member Cindia Talamantez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.5) Discuss and consider action: Designation of Gannaway Clifton Law Firm, PLLC, as counsel

for services related to Employment Law: H. Archer

Council Member Philip Thurman made a motion to designate Gannaway Clifton Law Firm, PLLC as counsel for services related to Employment Law as presented. Council Member Tommy Gaut seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.6) Discuss and consider action: Ordinance No. 2025-42: T. Nash

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURNET, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 74-38 ENTITLED “GOLF COURSE RATES”; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Tres Clinton made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-42 as presented. Council Member Cindia Talamantez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.7) Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2025-74: P. Langford

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE RESTRICTED WASTEWATER IMPACT FEES FOR DEBT SERVICE.

Council Member Joyce Laudenschlager made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2025-74 as presented. Council Member Ricky Langley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.8) Discuss and consider action: Approval of Addendum to Engagement Letter with Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, updating the firm’s designation from Special Counsel to Assistant City Attorney: D. Vaughn

Council Member Tommy Gaut made a motion to approve the addendum to engagement letter with Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, as presented. Council Member Philip Thurman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.9) Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2025-72: D. Vaughn

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION BE BROUGHT TO RESOLVE A LAND DISPUTE INVOLVING THE ROCK WALL LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF DELAWARE SPRINGS BLVD. AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH US ROUTE 281; AND APPOINTING THE BOJORQUEZ LAW FIRM TO REPRESENT THE CITY

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2025-72 as presented. Council Member Tres Clinton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion to enter into executive session at 5:38 p.m. Council Member Philip Thurman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 9.1) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (entitled “Consultation with Attorney”) City Council shall convene in executive session to receive legal advice on contemplated litigation, settlement offer, and/or matter in which the duty of the city attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 related to the topics that follow:
- (a) Land dispute involving the rock wall located on the north side of Delaware Springs Blvd;
 - (b) City’s claim against the owner of the Reliable Tire Disposal tire recycler site located in the City’s extraterritorial jurisdiction;
 - (c) Owner’s claim against the City involving the Highland Business Park located at 805 Buchanan Drive

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion to reconvene to regular session at 6:12 p.m. Council Member Joyce Laudenschlager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. Council Member Philip Thurman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL FOR FUTURE REPORTS: In accordance with Resolution R2020-28 councilmembers may request the City Manager to prepare and present future reports on matters of public interest: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Gary Wideman at 6:13 p.m. Council Member Joyce Laudenschlager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary