

STATE OF TEXAS            {}

COUNTY OF BURNET        {}

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On this, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 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, and Ricky Langley

Absent                                Tres Clinton and Joyce Laudenschlager

City Manager                       David Vaughn

City Secretary                    Maria Gonzales

Guests: Haley Archer, Jessi Carpenter, Jill Disler, Adrienne Feild, Mark Ingram, Leslie Kimbler, Patricia Langford, Brian Lee, Keith McBurnett, Thad Mercer, Tony Nash, Andrew Scott, Jeremy Stewart, Heather Sutton, Jacob Thomas, Lee Carney, Mark Webster, Sheila Bernhardt

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) Council Recognition

Mayor Gary Wideman, alongside members of City Council, presented City staff with a commemorative plaque in recognition of their hard work and dedication during two major events. The plaque honors the team's commitment and resilience and will be proudly displayed in the new city hall building.

5.2) Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report: T. McFerrin

Newly appointed Chamber Director Teryl McFerrin introduced herself to the Council, providing a brief background and outlining her goals for the Chamber. Mrs. McFerrin emphasized her plans to strengthen membership, champion local development, and build meaningful community partnerships.

In addition to sharing her vision, Mrs. McFerrin reported on the Chamber's recent involvement in the community, including support during the recent flood response, collaboration with the BEDC to facilitate business grants, and a calendar highlighting several upcoming Chamber-hosted events.

5.3) Municipal Court Quarterly Report: H. Sutton

Court Administrator Heather Sutton presented the Municipal Court's quarterly report covering the period from April through June. The report detailed the types and volume of cases filed, with a current clearance rate of 79%.

The Municipal Court team was also recognized with a Best Practices Award, highlighting their continued commitment to excellence. In May, staff attended a Regional Seminar, and the Court has continued hosting successful R.E.D. (Respect, Educate, and Develop) program events. The next R.E.D. program is scheduled for October.

Looking ahead, court staff will also participate in the upcoming Legislative Update training to stay informed on key changes and requirements in municipal court operations.

#### 5.4) Finance Monthly Report: P. Langford

Finance Director Patricia Langford presented the City's financial report for the month of June. Overall, the City's budget remains in strong standing. The Water/Wastewater Fund reported a profit of \$207,321, the Electric Department showed a profit of \$491,634, and the Golf Fund posted a profit of \$543,145. Additionally, the Airport Fund reported a profit of \$101,390. Mrs. Langford also noted that the General Fund is performing well, with a year-to-date profit of \$2,297,367. Both cash reserve accounts continue to maintain healthy balances.

#### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 6.1) Approval of the July 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the July 9, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the July 15, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the July 16, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Ricky Langley made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Cindia Talamantez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION: None.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

8.1) Discuss and consider action: Purchase of a Type I and a Type II Ambulance for the Burnet Fire Department: M. Ingram

Council Member Philip Thurman made a motion to approve the purchase of a Type I and Type II Ambulance as presented. Council Member Tommy Gaut seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.2) Discuss and consider action: Authorize emergency procurement of Substantial Damage Estimation services related to FEMA Disaster Declaration DR-4879 and approve an Agreement with Streamline Engineering: D. Vaughn

This item was passed, as it had already been approved at the previous council meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion to convene to Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Philip Thurman. The motion passed unanimously.

9.1) Pursuant to Section 551.072 Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in order to minimize the detrimental effect of such discussion in open session on the position of the Council in negotiations with third parties for property located in the City limits of Burnet, Texas: D. Vaughn

9.2) 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 City's authority to address a public nuisance, or potential public nuisance at the tire disposal facility with the physical address of 3345 E State Highway 29 Burnet, Texas: D. Vaughn

#### RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion to reconvene to regular session at 6:24 p.m. Council Member Philip Thurman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10.1) Discuss and consider action: Regarding deliberations of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located in the City limits of Burnet, Texas: D. Vaughn

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion to proceed as discussed in executive session. Council Member Ricky Langley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10.2) City Council may engage in deliberation on the public nuisance matter discussed in executive session and provide direction to staff and legal counsel on how to proceed on such matter: D. Vaughn

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion to proceed as discussed in executive session. Council Member Cindia Talamantez seconded the motion. The motion carried 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 6:25 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Philip Thurman. The motion passed unanimously.

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Gary Wideman, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Maria Gonzales, City Secretary