



**CITY OF HUTCHINS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM
City Hall, 321 N. Main Street**

A Regular Meeting of the Hutchins City Council was held on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Hutchins City Hall Council Chambers, 321 N. Main Street, Hutchins, Texas, at which time the following items were discussed and considered.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Vasquez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum.

PRESENT

Mayor Mario Vasquez
Mayor Pro Tem Steve Nichols
Councilmember Brenda Campbell
Councilmember Raymond Elmore
Councilmember Demarcus Odom
Councilmember America Rodriguez

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Nichols gave the Invocation and Councilmember Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS –

Jonquil Archie, 217 Tessman Trail, Hutchins, requested the council to consider an increase in the 65 and older tax exemption.

D. CONSENT AGENDA - *All items presented in the Consent Agenda require no deliberation by the Council. Each Council member has the opportunity of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately.*

1. Consider meeting minutes for the months of July and August.

City Secretary Olguin stated a correction that only July minutes were included in the packet for approval.

Councilmember Nichols made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Elmore, to approve the July minutes as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

Voting Yea: Demarcus Odom, Brenda Campbell, Steve Nichols, Raymond Elmore, America Rodriguez

Voting Nay:

E. PRESENTATIONS

2. Savvy Citizen Alert Presentation. Presented by: Stacey Hickson

Fire Chief Stacey Hickson presented the Savvy Citizen Alert system to the council, highlighting additional communication features not available in the current system. The City's existing Code Red system will expire in November, and the Savvy Citizen system could be implemented as early as October 1.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. A. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the proposed FY2025-2026 HEDC Budget

Director of Finance Maria Joyner presented a recap of the proposed HEDC Budget that was previously presented by HEDC Director Guy Brown.

B. Open Public Hearing and Receive Comment.

Mayor Vasquez opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. No one was registered to speak, and the hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

C. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2025-09-1211- FY2025-2026 HEDC Budget. Presented by: Maria Joyner, Director of Finance

Councilmember Nichols made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve Ordinance 2025-09-1211. All in favor, the motion carried.

Voting Yea: Demarcus Odom, Brenda Campbell, Steve Nichols, Raymond Elmore, America Rodriguez

Voting Nay:

4. A. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the proposed FY 2026 Budget

Director of Finance Maria Joyner presented a recap of the proposed Operating Budget that was previously presented at the Work Sessions on August 18, 2025, and September 2, 2025.

B. Open Public Hearing and Receive Comments.

Mayor Vasquez opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Jonquil Archie, 217 Tessman Trail, Hutchins, requested the council to consider an increase in the over 65 tax exemption for seniors.

No one else was registered to speak, and the hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

C. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2025-09-1212 Proposed FY 2026 Budget - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 01, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING THAT EXPENDITURES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR INTER-FUND TRANSFER; PROVIDING FOR RECORDING OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Presented by: Maria Joyner, Director of Finance

Councilmember Nichols made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Elmore, to approve Ordinance 2025-09-1212. All in favor, the motion carried.

Voting Yea: Demarcus Odom, Brenda Campbell, Steve Nichols, Raymond Elmore, America Rodriguez

Voting Nay:

5. A. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Tax Rate

Director of Finance Maria Joyner presented the item, explained the no new revenue rate, the voter approved rate, and the M&O and Debt portion, and answered questions.

B. Open Public Hearing and Receive Comment.

Mayor Vasquez opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. No one was registered to speak, and the hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

C. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2025-09-1213 OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026, AT A RATE OF \$0.657000 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025, TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Presented by: Maria Joyner, Director of Finance

Councilmember Nichols made the motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.657000, which is effectively a 7.18 percent increase in the tax rate and, therefore, I further move that Ordinance 2025-09-1213 be approved on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Odom. All in favor, the motion carried.

Voting Yea: Demarcus Odom, Brenda Campbell, Steve Nichols, Raymond Elmore, America Rodriguez

Voting Nay:

6. A. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the proposed residential and commercial rates for solid waste collection.

Director of Finance Maria Joyner presented the item and introduced Christy Greene, Republic Services representative. Ms. Greene explained the CIP rates and the effective date.

The council raised questions about replacement containers and the container audit, complaints about the automatic trucks and litter spilling in the streets, and bulk trash pickup for branches.

B. Open Public Hearing and Receive Comment.

Mayor Vasquez opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Jonquil Archie, 217 Tessman Trail, Hutchins, spoke again on the need to consider an increase in the over 65 tax exemption for seniors. No others registered to speak, the hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

C. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2025-09-1214 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING APPENDIX A "FEE SCHEDULE" BY RENAMING SECTION A13.032 TO "RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL HAND COLLECTION RATES" AND AMENDING SECTION A13.032 TO PROVIDE A BASE RATE MODIFICATION FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS AND REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, LTD.; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2025. Presented by: Katherine Lindsey, Assistant to the City Administrator

Councilmember Nichols made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Odom, to approve Ordinance 2025-09-1214. All in favor, the motion carried.

Voting Yea: Demarcus Odom, Brenda Campbell, Steve Nichols, Raymond Elmore, America Rodriguez

Voting Nay:

G. REGULAR AGENDA - *As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.*

7. Discuss and consider ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09-1215 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025A; PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS REGARDING SUCH CERTIFICATES AND MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO Presented by: Maria Joyner, Director of Finance

Councilmember Odom made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Elmore, to approve Ordinance 2025-09-1215. All in favor, the motion carried.

Voting Yea: Demarcus Odom, Brenda Campbell, Steve Nichols, Raymond Elmore, America Rodriguez

Voting Nay:

8. Discuss and consider Resolution R2025-09-1283 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DALLAS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Presented by Cynthia Olguin

Councilmember Nichols made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Odom, to approve Resolution R2025-09-1283 nominating America Rodriguez as a candidate Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District. All in favor, the motion carried.

Voting Yea: Demarcus Odom, Brenda Campbell, Steve Nichols, Raymond Elmore, America Rodriguez

Voting Nay:

9. **Discuss and consider Resolution R2025-09-1284 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALLOWING THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS IN TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Presented by: Jon Lindley Lieutenant**

Councilmember Elmore made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, to approve Resolution R2025-09-1284. All in favor, the motion carried.

Voting Yea: Demarcus Odom, Brenda Campbell, Steve Nichols, Raymond Elmore, America Rodriguez

Voting Nay:

10. **Discuss and consider an appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment/Building and Standards Commission. Presented by: Cynthia Olguin**

Councilmember Nichols made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Elmore, to appoint Freddie Chism to the Zoning Board of Adjustment/Building and Standards Commission for a year term expiring in 2026. All in favor, the motion carried.

Voting Yea: Demarcus Odom, Brenda Campbell, Steve Nichols, Raymond Elmore, America Rodriguez

Voting Nay:

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. **Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council will convene into executive session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located within the City of Hutchins, Texas.**

Mayor Vasquez moved the council into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

I. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The council returned to Regular Session at 8:03 p.m.

12. **Action, if any, as a result of Executive Session:**

Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council will convene into executive session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located within the City of Hutchins, Texas.

No action taken as a result of Executive Session

J. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

13. City Secretary Olguin announced the items of Community Interest.

K. ADJOURN

Councilmember Elmore made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. All in favor, the motion passed.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE HUTCHINS CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

APPROVED:

Mario Vasquez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary