



CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Council Chambers – 301 South Harrison St. San Augustine, TX 75972

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MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

In Attendance:

Mayor, Leroy Hughes

Mayor Pro Tem, Dan Fussell

Alderman, Marcus Hafford

Alderwoman, Pam Teel

Alderman, Juan Diaz, Jr.

Alderman, Herman Wilson

City Attorney, Wade Flasowski

City Manager, Jeaneyse Mosby (attended remotely)

City Secretary, Rhonda Williams

Not In Attendance: None

A. Prayer

B. Pledge To the Flags

C. Welcome Guests

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2026-27 BUDGET

There were no comments in the Public Hearing on the FY 2026-27 Budget

B. The public hearing was closed at 5:05 p.m.

C. Open the Public Hearing on the No New Revenue Tax Rate of \$0.359682 per \$100 Valuation, for the 2026 Tax Year.

There were no comments in this public hearing.

D. The public hearing was closed at 5:06 p.m.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED

4. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

5. CITIZEN PRESENTATION

There were no comments in the citizen presentation.

6. ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the July 21, 2026 - Regular City Council Meeting; the July 21, 2026 - Budget Workshop; and the August 18, 2026 - Regular City Council Meeting.

Alderman Hafford moved to approve the minutes from in the Consent Agenda. Alderwoman Teel duly seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

8. ADMINISTRATION - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Activities/Updates/Announcements/Items of Community Interest

- A. Update on Police Department Activity - Chief Jonathan Sowell

There were 9 Reports; 2 Felony Arrests; 1 Misdemeanors; 22 Assists to Other Agencies; 209 Responses on "Calls for Service; 0 Juvenile Cases Filed; 4 Auto Accident Reports Filed; 16 Citations Written; 125 Warnings Issued; 0 Mental Health Warrants; 0 Code Enforcement Case Opened; and 0 Code Enforcement Case Closed.

- B. Update on Municipal Court Activity - Judge Jeff Cox

Judge Cox shared the Courts received 12 total citations; \$1,205.00 in payments where the City retained \$722.00 and \$483.00 was remitted to the state.

He also mentioned that staff is still moving forward with the new AdComp System.

- C. Update on Main Street Activity – Lea Ann Bennefield, Main Street Manager

Ms. Bennefield stated that the 9-11 Event went well.

Ms. Bennefield announced that the Farmer's Market this coming weekend and the last one will be on October 31, Halloween Day until next spring. The hours are from 9 – 12 every other Saturday of the month.

She also announced her move to a new office next to the Theatre.

Ms. Bennefield shared that Ms. Mosby will have more information for Council regarding the upcoming 21st Annual Economic Development Summit on Thursday, December 3.

- D. Update on Library Activity – Celeste Rainey

Ms. Rainey was not present for this meeting.

E. Update from City Manager – Jeaneyse Mosby

Ms. Mosby updated Council on packet provided. She shared that the Water Department is evaluating the usage and meters within the City. Ms. Mosby also explained the PCA and the collections month to month on average.

9. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Consider approval of an Ordinance adopting the City of San Augustine FY 2026-27 Final Budget.

Ms. Mosby asked Council to consult the three different proposed budgets requested by Council. The options considered for employee pay increases were; 2.5 percent, flat rates for hourly, salaried and exempt staff; and lastly the “no change” rate with the exception of some staff.

Alderman Diaz asked if the budget included the projects for Hospital Street. Ms. Mosby responded yes, the budget included all projects.

Mayor Hughes called for a motion on Item 9.A.

Alderman Hafford made a motion for the 2.5 percent COLA, rate increase.

Council discussed the individual options with the City Manager.

The Mayor asked the City Manager if there was enough to cover increases within each budget. Ms. Mosby answered yes, there was enough in each budget.

Alderman Fussell asked if there were any funds for a “rainy day” at this moment.

Ms. Mosby answered that there was not much available.

Mayor Hughes called for a second on the first motion made by Alderman Hafford.

There was no second to the first motion, and the motion to approve the 2.5 percent COLA failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Hughes entertained another motion.

Alderman Diaz made a motion for the flat rate budget.

Mayor Hughes called for second to the flat rate budget motion.

This motion for the flat rate budget failed due to lack of a second to the motion.

Mayor Hughes called for a motion for another option on the budget.

Alderman Fussell made a motion to approve the budget which included increases to certain staff.

Mayor Hughes called for a second to this motion.

Alderman Wilson duly seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4:1 with the count:

Position 1 – Apposed

Position 2 – Approved

Position 3 – Approved

Position 4 – Approved

Position 5 - Approved

- B. Consider approval of an Ordinance adopting the City of San Augustine No New Revenue Tax Rate of \$0.359682 per \$100 Valuation, for Tax Year 2026.

Alderman Fussell made a motion to approve Item 9.B. Alderman Diaz duly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- C. Consider approval of an Ordinance Establishing Increased Minimums (Availability Charges), Rates, and Charges for Water, Wastewater (Sewer), and electrical services (Security Lights).

Alderman Wilson made a motion to approve Item 9.C. of the agenda. Alderwoman Peel duly seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- D. Consider and take action, granting the City Manager authority to evaluate, select and place the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) and Certificate of Deposit (CD) funds into the highest rated investment account, through our primary depository bank or other qualifying financial institution.

Ms. Mosby discussed the current rates on the CD that are at a higher rate than our Money Market account. Upon maturity of the CD, Ms. Mosby asked to given authority by Council, to make changes for the CD and PCA.

Alderman Fussell asked Ms. Mosby regarding the Money Market account and interest earned.

Mayor Hughes called for a motion. Alderman Fussell made a motion to approve Item 9.D. giving authority to City Manager Mosby to make changes for the CD and PCA. Alderman Diaz duly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- E. Hold a discussion and consider approval of the purchase of a Chipper and Tandem Roller for the City of San Augustine.

Ms. Mosby explained that this item is included in the recently approved budget for this meeting. She discussed the City being able to pay a bit more should there be funds available. The Streets Department would utilize the Tandem Roller to smooth the streets, and the Electrical Department would utilize the Chipper for the clearing of areas around the City for electrical work and tree limb removal.

Alderman Fussell made a motion to approve Item 9.E. Alderman Diaz duly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Leroy Hughes, Mayor

Rhonda Williams, City Secretary