

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2026, 6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

HISTORIC CHURCH BUILDING - 403 N 7TH STREET, SANGER, TEXAS



CALL THE WORK SESSION TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Bilyeu called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Gary Bilyeu
Mayor Pro Tem, Place 1	Marissa Newton
Councilmember, Place 2	Mark Bulger
Councilmember, Place 3	Josh Burrus
Councilmember, Place 4	Margie Tisdale
Councilmember, Place 5	Victor Gann

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

City Manager John Noblitt, City Secretary Kelly Edwards, Chief Financial Officer Clayton Gray, and Police Chief Tyson Cheek.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation and discussion regarding the City of Sanger's 2026-27 Annual Budget.

Director Gray provided a presentation and overview of the proposed budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the Enterprise Fund, the SCADA cellular request, the capital projects fund and its detailed breakdown, and listing the water/electric revenues and expenses together.

OVERVIEW OF ITEMS ON THE REGULAR AGENDA

No additional discussion.

ADJOURN THE WORK SESSION

There being no further business, Mayor Bilyeu adjourned the work session at 7:30 p.m.

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Bilyeu called the regular meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Gary Bilyeu
Mayor Pro Tem, Place 1	Marissa Newton
Councilmember, Place 2	Mark Bulger
Councilmember, Place 3	Josh Burrus
Councilmember, Place 4	Margie Tisdale
Councilmember, Place 5	Victor Gann

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

City Manager John Noblitt, City Secretary Kelly Edwards, Chief Financial Officer Clayton Gray, and Police Chief Tyson Cheek.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Bulger gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Burrus.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Terri Cornwall spoke regarding the Senior Center, providing a membership update, non-profit application status, parking concerns, and damage to the ramp.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consideration and possible action on the minutes from the July 6, 2026, meeting.
3. Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. EDC-2026-08 approving and adopting the Economic Development Strategic Plan.
4. Consideration and possible action authorizing the staff to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for City Attorney Services.
5. Consideration, acknowledgement, and acceptance of the Federal Single Audit Report from BrooksWatson & Co. for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.
6. Consideration and possible action on entering into an agreement with BrooksWatson & Co., PLLC for auditing services, and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement and all necessary documents.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Newton

Second: Tisdale

Ayes: Bulger, Burrus, Gann, Newton, and Tisdale.

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 2026-07, Appointing members to the Parks and Recreation / Keep Sanger Beautiful Board, 4A Industrial Economic Development Corporation, and 4B The Sanger Development Corporation.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Gann

Second: Bulger

Ayes: Bulger, Burrus, Gann, Newton, and Tisdale.

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Newton would like to discuss a Citizens Academy.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Rider GCR - Rate Filing under Docket No. OS-24-00019196 - June 26, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, the City Council Will Meet in a Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code:

Section 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS

For deliberations regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

- City Manager

Council convened into executive session at 7:55 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 10:02 p.m.

Motion to increase the City Manager's base salary to \$201,125.00.

Motion: Newton

Second: Burrus

Ayes: Bulger, Burrus, Gann, Newton, and Tisdale.

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Bilyeu adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Gary Bilyeu, Mayor

Kelly Edwards, City Secretary