



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 MINUTES

City Hall, 120 El Chico Trl., Suite A, Willow Park, TX 76087

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Teresa Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

A quorum was present for this meeting

PRESENT

Mayor Teresa Palmer
Councilmember Eric Contreras
Councilmember Chawn Gilliland
Councilmember Buddy Wright
Councilmember Scott Smith
Councilmember Nathan Crummel

City Manager Bryan Grimes

City Secretary Deana McMullen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mr. Gil Green gave the Invocation and Led the Pledge of Allegiance given by all present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to five minutes per person)

To address the City Council, residents must complete a speaker form and turn it in to the City Secretary at least five (5) minutes before the start of the meeting. The Rules of Procedure state that all comments are to be limited to five (5) minutes for each speaker provided that there are no more than ten (10) speakers. If there are more than ten (10) speakers, the Mayor and/or the City Council may reduce the applicable time limits to speak to three (3) minutes. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. The Council may: (1) make a statement of fact regarding the item; (2) make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item; (3) propose the item be placed on a future agenda (Tex. Govt. Code §551.042). Each speaker shall approach the podium or designated speaker location and state his/her name and address before speaking. Speakers shall address the City Council with civility that is conducive to appropriate public discussion. Speakers may only address the City Council and not individual officials, commission members, committee members, or employees. The public cannot speak from the gallery, but only from the podium or designated speaker location.

There were no public comments for this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The City of Willow Park City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the 20-25-2026 Fund Year at a Special City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 24, 2025, in the Willow Park City Hall, Council Chambers, 120 El Chico Trl., Suite A, Willow Park, Texas.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Teresa Palmer opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 Fund Year at 6:02 pm

1) Michelle Krall at 110 Lori Drive - We have lived here for 2 1/2 years and we are going to have to move because the City of Willow Park does not have a Homestead Exemption like the ISD. Cannot the City consider adding a Homestead Exemption of \$140,000? I pay over \$7,500 in taxes. This is not normal.

2.) Gil Green - Do we have a homestead exemption? Answer was 65 yrs and over, \$10,000..

3) Gene Martin - The sales tax is up and there is a no new revenue tax rate, so if there are added homestead exemptions, the money has to come from somewhere..

Mayor Teresa Palmer closed the Public Hearing at 6:12 pm.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Discussion/ Action: To consider and act on adopting an ordinance adopting an Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levy on assessed property not to exceed \$0.421646 per \$100 valuation for tax year 2025 for the City of Willow Park, Texas including a Levy for Debt obligations (\$0.225893) and a levy for Maintenance and Operations (\$0.195753) consistent with the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Municipal Budget**

Motion was made to adopt Ordinance 922-25 adopting an Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levy on assessed property not to exceed \$0.421646 per \$100 valuation for tax year 2025 for the City of Willow Park, Texas, including a Levy for Debt Obligations (\$0.225893) and a levy for Maintenance and Operations (\$0.195753) consistent with the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Municipal Budget.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Gilliland.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

This was a Roll Call Vote. All in Favor and None against.

- 2. Discussion and Action: To consider and act on approving a resolution acknowledging and ratifying that the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget requires raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous Fiscal Year and ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Budget; and providing an effective date.**

This item was not needed, so no action was taken.

INFORMATIONAL

City Manager Comments

City Council Comments

Mayor Comments

City Manager Comments:

City Manager Bryan Grimes stated that tonight was his last meeting with the City of Willow Park. His last day of employment will be Friday, October 10, 2025. His first day with Willow Park was October 10, 2017. It has been a good 8 years. This Community has been a blessing for me and my family. Thank you to the original Council who hired me. I have enjoyed my time here in Willow Park and am proud of what we have accomplished. Thank You!

City Council Comments:

Councilmember Eric Contreras stated he had a couple of comments: First was to ask everyone to keep Charlie Kirks' family in their prayers. Second was some questions for Mayor Teresa Palmer. Councilmember Contreras read aloud the Mayor's Proclamation that she read when she was sworn into office. Following that Councilmember Contreras had questions of Mayor Palmer regarding her relationship with a citizen who contributed to her campaign and is now in trouble with the law. (See attached transcript, **Note this transcript came from a private citizen handed to city secretary by Mayor Palmer)

Councilmember Chawn Gilliland - Thank you to Brian Grimes for a great job during your tenure at Willow Park. You have helped manage our growth and created a fantastic team to work with you.

Councilmember Scott Smith - I echo the comments from Chawn Gilliland, you have done a great job. I hate to see you leave, but understand.

Councilmember Nathan Crummel - I will not be present at the 1st meeting in November.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Teresa Palmer - I will not be smeared by Councilmembers or any other person. I am a 66 year old woman, a mother and grandmother. I was elected Mayor. if you do not respect me as a person, you should respect the position of Mayor the title. I will continue to stand up and speak as the Mayor. I can't address everything that was said, but I am very disappointed, Shame on you for saying these things.

ADJOURN

With there being nothing further to discuss or consider, Mayor Palmer asked for a motion to adjourn this Special meeting of Willow Park City Council.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Crummel.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____ 2025.

Teresa Palmer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana McMullen
City Secretary