



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Wolfforth City Hall - 302 Main Street Wolfforth, TX

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Addington at 3:00 PM.

INVOCATION - Councilmember Worley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilmember Cooper

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

PRESENT

Mayor Charles Addington

Councilmember Place 1 David Cooper

Councilmember Place 2 Wesley Houck

Councilmember Place 3 Gregory Stout

Councilmember Place 4 Charlotte McDonald

Councilmember Place 5 Karen Worley

SAFETY REVIEW

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

This is an opportunity for the public to address the City Council regarding an item on the agenda, except public hearings that are included on the agenda. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing begins. Citizen comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless the speaker requires the assistance of a translator, in which case the speaker is limited to six (6) minutes, in accordance with applicable law. Each speaker shall approach the designated speaker location, complete the citizen engagement sign in sheet and state his/her name and city of residence before speaking. Speakers shall address the City Council with civility that is conducive to appropriate public discussion. Speakers can address only the City Council and not individual city officials or employees. The public cannot speak from the gallery but only from the designated speaker location.

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There were no public comments.

REGULAR SESSION

1. Consider and take appropriate action on Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Workshop #1

City Manager Randy Criswell presented a preliminary review of the fiscal year 2026 budget and the budget process and calendar. The City has three major funds: General, Utility, Sanitation, along with several other minor funds. The 2025 preliminary property tax estimate is \$921,000,000 which calculates to an estimated \$6,400,000 in property taxes to the General Fund. Those funds, along with sales tax and franchise fees are the major revenues for the General Fund. The General Fund includes the following departments: Police, Fire, Library, Development, Streets, Parks, Municipal Court, Finance and EDC. The Utility Fund is operated as an enterprise fund and has the following revenues: water fees, sewer fees and impact fees along with a few other minor sources. The City utilizes the services of NewGen Strategies to estimate water usage and billing to determine water revenue. Those calculations are not yet complete. The following departments are in the Utility Fund: Compliance, Engineering, Utility Billing, Wastewater collection and treatment, Water Distribution, Water Treatment and Water Production.

Department Heads also presented their needs and priorities to the Council.

Police: Technology upgrades, Personnel additions, Additional training requirements

Fire: Aging fleet, Additional personnel, Scheduling

Public Works: Additional personnel as the City grows and the ability to specialize and departmentalize, Various machinery and equipment upgrades and additions

Development: Comprehensive Plan, Substandard structures

Library: Phase 2 of the Master Plan, Future expansion to ensure continued accreditation

EDC: Land acquisitions, Strategic Plan, Sales Tax gains

City Manager Randy Criswell finished the meeting with thoughts for fiscal year 2026 including an increase in the debt service tax rate due to the construction of Alcove Avenue. A focus on employees and employee retention by increasing the TMRS contribution rate is also a priority. Additional sewer debt will be necessary over the course of the next year as improvements must

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be made to that system to handle added flow. The Police Department remains a priority, including adding personnel and relocation to another City-owned building.

The budget calendar is as follows:

July 7 - Regular meeting and Budget Workshop #2

July 21 - Regular meeting and Budget Workshop #3

August 4 - Regular meeting, Budget Workshop #4, Record vote on Proposed Tax Rate

August 18 - Regular meeting, Public Hearing on budget and tax rate

August 25 - Special meeting, adopt budget and tax rate

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 5:48 PM.

Motion made by Councilmember Place 4 McDonald, Seconded by Councilmember Place 1 Cooper.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Place 1 Cooper, Councilmember Place 2 Houck, Councilmember Place 3 Stout, Councilmember Place 4 McDonald, Councilmember Place 5 Worley

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY 2025

Charles Addington, II, Mayor
City of Wolfforth, Texas

ATTEST:

Terri Robinette, City Secretary