Wylie City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers - 300 Country Club Road, Building #100, Wylie, Texas 75098

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Matthew Porter called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Councilman David R. Duke, Councilman Dave Strang (6:16 p.m.), Councilman Todd Pickens, Councilman Scott Williams, and Councilman Sid Hoover. Mayor *Pro Tem* Gino Mulliqi was absent.

Staff present included: City Manager Brent Parker; Deputy City Manager Renae Ollie; Assistant City Manager Lety Yanez; Fire Chief Brandon Blythe; Animal Services Manager Chris Marren; Finance Director Melissa Brown; Marketing and Communications Director Craig Kelly; City Secretary Stephanie Storm; Police Chief Anthony Henderson; Parks and Recreation Director Carmen Powlen; Library Director Ofilia Barrera; Purchasing Manager Chris Rodriguez; Human Resources Director Jennifer Beck; Public Works Director Tommy Weir; Engineering Project Manager Hector Sanchez; Wylie Economic Development Executive Director Jason Greiner; and various support staff.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS)

Councilman Pickens led the invocation, and Mayor Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

PR1. Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Presentation.

Members of the East Fork Masonic Lodge were present, stating that during Bluegrass on Ballard, the annual "Battle of the Badges" was conducted. This year, 45 units were collected. Wylie East Fork Masonic Lodge Worshipful Master Denney Hanson announced the winner, Wylie Fire Department. Members of the Wylie Fire and Wylie Police Departments were present for the award.

COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public may address Council regarding an item that is not listed on the Agenda. Members of the public must fill out a form prior to the meeting in order to speak. Council requests that comments be limited to three minutes for an individual, six minutes for a group. In addition, Council is not allowed to converse, deliberate or take action on any matter presented during citizen participation.

There were no persons present wishing to address the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Consider, and act upon, approval of the June 23, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting minutes.

B. **Consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2026-26, amending Ordinance No. 2025-32, which established the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget, providing for repealing, savings, and severability clauses, and the effective date of this ordinance.**

C. **Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2026-10(R) authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of Wylie and TxDOT for the On-System Highway Safety Improvement Project along FM 544 from McCreary Road to SH 78.**

D. **Consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2026-27 for a change in zoning from Neighborhood Services (NS) to Neighborhood Services - Special Use Permit (NS-SUP), to allow for convenience store and motor vehicle fueling station use on 3.53 acres generally located on the northeast corner of Country Club and Park Blvd. (ZC 2026-06).**

E. **Consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2026-28 for a change in zoning from Commercial Corridor (CC) to Commercial Corridor - Special Use Permit (CC-SUP), to allow for a minor auto repair use on 1.275 acres located at 7940 E. Parker Road (ZC 2026-05).**

F. **Consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2026-29 regarding an amendment to the City of Wylie Zoning Ordinance No. 2023-23, Article 5, Sections 5.1 Land Use Charts, 5.2 Listed Uses, and Article 7 General Development Regulations, as they relate to existing and new listed uses (ZC 2026-04).**

Council Action
A motion was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Hoover, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilman Strang and Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Consider, and act upon, the approval of an increase to the contract contingency in the amount of $920,000.00, representing five percent (5%) of the contract amount for Contract W2023-106-B, McMillen Road – (McCreary Road to Country Club) Road Reconstruction Project, to provide funding for future change orders, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.**

Staff Comments
Public Works Director Weir addressed the Council, presented the Item, and answered questions from the Council.

Councilman Strang took his seat at the dais at 6:16 p.m.

Council Action
A motion was made by Councilman Duke, seconded by Councilman Strang, to approve the Item as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi absent.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Porter convened the Council into Work Session at 6:33 p.m.

WS1. Discuss potential Bond Election projects and proposition verbiage.

City Manager Parker presented the bond project options recommended by the Bond Committee, reviewed the proposed bond election process, and answered questions from the Council.

Following discussion, the majority of the Council expressed support for the proposed bond package and directed staff to work with the City's bond counsel to prepare ballot language for the following propositions:

- Public Safety: $25 million for the renovation and expansion of public safety facilities, with flexibility in project language to accommodate future space needs.
- Downtown and Infrastructure: $25.5 million for downtown improvements ($19.5 million) and Sachse Road improvements ($6 million), with funding designated for each project.
- Public Works: $30 million for the public works complex, including a new public works facility, animal shelter, and related renovations. Council discussed funding $10 million of the debt service from the Utility Fund, subject to confirmation by bond counsel, to reduce the property tax-supported portion.
- Parks: $20 million for improvements to East Fork, Avalon, Community, and Founders parks, as well as potential future park land acquisition. Council supported maintaining flexibility in how park funds could be allocated among eligible projects.

The total proposed bond package is $100.5 million, with $10 million of the debt service proposed to be paid from the Utility Fund, subject to confirmation by bond counsel.

WS2. Discuss the FY 2027 Budget for the General Fund, Utility Fund, and 4B Sales Tax Fund.

City Manager Parker presented an update on the proposed Fiscal Year budget, noting that there were no significant changes from the previous budget work session. Updates included reducing the projected health insurance increase from 15% to 12%, adding $100,000 to the annual street maintenance budget (bringing the total to $1.1 million), and incorporating approximately $900,000 in departmental requests and $1.8 million in one-time purchases funded through fund balance.

The City Manager reviewed the proposed capital purchases and budget requests, including crossing guards for two new schools, server room air conditioning, replacement of the Police Department's in-car camera system and vehicles, fire department paratech stabilization struts, replacement trucks for Building Official and Inspector, the City's required match for the HSIP grant design, library book sorter replacement, replacement of outdoor warning sirens, hydraulic rescue tools replacement, SCBA equipment replacement, and a new ambulance. Staff also advised that the City was not awarded the Drone as First Responder grant, and that item would be removed from the proposed budget.

Additional updates included increasing the employee buy-up health insurance premium from $30 to $50 per paycheck, effective in October, and staff's plan to present an updated peer city comparison following budget adoption. Council discussed providing staff with suggested peer cities for future benchmarking.

The City Manager reviewed the upcoming budget schedule, including approval of the water and sewer rates on July 28, release of the proposed budget on August 10, and subsequent public hearings.

WS3. Discuss the FY 2026-27 WEDC Budget.

WEDC Executive Director Greiner addressed the Council, presenting the FY 2026-27 WEDC budget and answering questions.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Porter reconvened the Council into Regular Session at 7:12 p.m.

READING OF ORDINANCES
Title and caption approved by Council as required by Wylie City Charter, Article III, Section 13-D.

City Secretary Storm read the captions of Ordinance Nos. 2026-26, 2026-27, 2026-28, and 2026-29 into the official record.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Strang, seconded by Councilman Williams, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi absent.

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Matthew Porter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Storm, City Secretary