


September 16, 2025

1. **Regular Meeting called to order** at 6:00 pm by Mayor Gerald Hall
2. **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Mayor Gerald Hall: Present, Councilmember Mike Goodman: Present, Councilmember Stacie Saunders: Present, Councilmember Kim McDonald: Present, Councilmember John Bowen: Present
4. **Consent Items:** N/A
5. **Citizen Forum:** N/A
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Budget – The police department presented the council with their recommendations to reduce their budget. The police department was able to renegotiate the inter/local agreement with the public school to an 80/20 split over the previous 70/30 to cover police services on their campus while also reducing the number of hours for officer coverage on site. Cuts included the following reductions: \$13,000 from Streets, \$500 from Parks, \$39,107 from Police, \$5,000 from Accounting, \$35,000 from City Hall. Furthermore, regarding payroll the council considered freezing all Supervisor salaries at their current rates while all other employees are to receive cost-of-living adjustments only. Council considered doing away with Longevity while also allowing for \$1,200 in raises. Motion to approve by Mike Goodman, 2nd by John Bowen, Unanimous.
 - b. Property Maintenance update was presented by Mike Goodman.
 - 855 Bizell St. – Regarding the concerning property, the county went out to address the concerns and will continue maintenance in the future.
 - Property located on Oak St. – The concerning lot was filled with flowers that provided food for the beehives located adjacent to the property. It was agreed to by the beekeeper that the property will be mowed now that the flowers are dying.
 - Murchison St. – Property was inspected and appeared to have no ordinance violation.
7. **Items From Council –**
 - a. The council discussed the need to fill the current open chairman position. Mike Goodman has spoken with and nominated Gordon Campbell for the open seat on the city council. The nomination will be added to the agenda for the next council meeting on 10/14/2025.

- b. Additionally, the council considered paying off the loan in the amount of \$38,227.46 for the lines that needed to be moved from Hwy. 175.
 - c. Jeff Hyde of Riley Farms, LLC has full authority and ownership of the property. Jeff will knock down and remove the old feed store on 120 N. Commerce St.
 - d. The old suspension bridge on Hwy. 175 will be torn down and hauled off by the supervisor overseeing the road construction. As the gully on Garrison St. is privately owned it will be handled by the supervisor overseeing the road construction and the private landowner. There will be no expense to the city to handle this concern.
 - e. Lastly, Gerald is meeting with the commissioner of precinct 3 to talk about doing street work for the city with the possibility of storing materials needed for maintenance.
 - f. Shannon spoke up regarding transparency of the City Council, reminding the city to post both the open chair for city councilman seat and the city financials once completed.
8. **Announcements:** Square Fair, Saturday, September 27th
9. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:08



Gerald Hall, Mayor



Nikki Delaney, Interim City Secretary