

City of Wortham, meeting held at 107 S. 2nd, Wortham, Texas
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on August 12, 2025

Council Present: Mayor Patty Jones, Deborah Evans, Patrick Evans, Michael Busby, Jeff Carr, and Cliff NeSmith

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Tonya Rissmiller, Waylon Gierisch, and Kelly Craig

Regular Council Meeting--held at the Wortham Fire Department

Mayor Patty Jones called the meeting to order at 6:31pm and announced a quorum was present. City Secretary Tonya Rissmiller gave an invocation.

Informal Citizen Comments: None.

1. Citizens Participation:

- A. Courtney Spencer was present to request approval to block off Main Street downtown for the Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (total time requested 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. to allow for setup and cleanup for the event). Police coverage for traffic safety was also requested for the possibility of a hayride.

*Mayor Jones suggested to move item #2 up on the agenda.

2. Councilmember NeSmith made the motion to approve blocking off Main Street downtown for the Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from about 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.

1. Citizens Participation (continued):

- B. Emily Keathley was present to request a water tap, sewer tap, and water meter on five acres by her relatives on LCR 244.
- C. Donna Bennett was present to request a water meter on seven acres she owns on east FM 27.
- D. Kelly Calame was present to request moving two existing water meters on property she owns to two other locations on property she owns.
- E. Eric Samford was present to request water and sewer services, and approval of a site plan, for four new homes on Ave. D (part of Lot 38, Div. 12).
- F. Jonathan Calame was not present to request a water meter on his property located east of MLK Ave. / north of FM 27 in Wortham city limits.
- G. Jonathan Calame was not present to request a water meter on his property located at crossroads of FM 27 and LCR 244.
- H. Daniel Mata Jr. was not present to request a water tap, sewer tap, and water meter on his property located at 124 CR 991.

3. The Council discussed the potential impacts of additional water meters on the City's water system, including flow, volume, and pressure, and considered obtaining a water study model to evaluate these impacts. Councilmember NeSmith made the motion to table the request by Emily Keathley for a water tap, sewer tap, and water meter on five acres by her relatives on LCR 244. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.

4. Councilmember Patrick Evans made the motion to table the request by Donna Bennett for a water meter on seven acres she owns on east FM 27. Seconded by Councilmember NeSmith. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.

5. Councilmember Carr made the motion to table the request by Kelly Calame to move two existing water meters on property she owns to two other locations on property she owns. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.

6. Councilmember Patrick Evans made the motion to table the request by Eric Samford for water and sewer services, and approval of a site plan, for four new homes on Ave. D (part of Lot 38, Div. 12). Seconded by Councilmember NeSmith. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.
7. Councilmember NeSmith made the motion to table the request by Jonathan Calame, who was not in attendance during this time, for a water meter on his property located east of MLK Ave. / north of FM 27 in Wortham city limits. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.
8. Councilmember NeSmith made the motion to table the request by Jonathan Calame, who was not in attendance during this time, for a water meter on his property located at crossroads of FM 27 and LCR 244. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.
9. Councilmember NeSmith made the motion to table the request by Daniel Mata, Jr., who was not in attendance during this time, for a water tap, sewer tap, and water meter on his property located at 124 CR 991. Seconded by Councilmember Deborah Evans. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.
10. Ray Hicks of Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., an engineering firm (“SPI”), was present to introduce services provided by SPI, including a proposed general services agreement between SPI and the City of Wortham. Councilmember NeSmith made the motion to have the general services agreement sent to the city attorney for review. Seconded by Councilmember Carr. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.
11. Interim Police Chief Kelly Craig was present to request the approval for the use of Coast Visa fleet fuel cards instead of credit cards for gasoline and vehicle maintenance. Councilmember NeSmith made the motion to approve the action. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.
12. **Consent Agenda** - Councilmember Busby made the motion to table the approval of the following consent agenda due to not having minutes available to review. Seconded by Councilmember Carr. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.
 - A. Approve minutes of July 8, 2025.

Monthly Reports: The following reports were reviewed:

- Finance Department – monthly activity for July 2025.
- Public Works - monthly activity for July 2025.
- Police Department - monthly activity for July 2025.
- Fire Department - monthly activity for July 2025.
- EDC – no report for July 2025.

Adjournment:

At 7:45 p.m., Councilmember Patrick Evans made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Busby. The vote was 5 to 0. Motion carried.



Patty Jones, Mayor



ATTEST:



Tonya Rissmiller, City Secretary