

City of Wotham, meeting held at City Hall Council Room, 108 W. Main
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Council Absent: Michael Busby

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

Others Present: Citizens and attendees

At 6:38 p.m., Mayor Jones called the meeting to order, announced a quorum was present, and Tonya Rissmiller gave an invocation.

Informal Citizen Comments:

Donna Bennett shared about the animal shelter’s successful spray and neuter event that was held in Downtown Wotham on December 29, 2025.

Citizen Participation:

1. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to approve the request by Kelly Calame for the relocation of two water meters, subject to payment of applicable fees and costs. Seconded by Councilmember Deborah Evans. The vote was 3 to 1. Motion carried.
2. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to approve the request by Emily Keathley for a water tap and water meter on LCR 244, subject to payment of applicable fees and costs. Seconded by Councilmember Deborah Evans. With a tie vote of 2 to 2 among councilmembers, Mayor Jones cast the deciding vote in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
3. Councilmember Deborah Evans motioned to approve the request by Donna Bennett for a water meter on her property on E. Hwy 27, subject to payment of applicable fees and costs. Seconded by Patrick Evans. With a tie vote of 2 to 2 among councilmembers, Mayor Jones cast the deciding vote in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
4. Councilmember Carr motioned to approve the request by Tim Rainey for water, sewer, and site plan approval for four new homes on Ave. D (part of Lot 38, Div. 12) , subject to payment of applicable fees and costs. Seconded by Patrick Evans. With a tie vote of 2 to 2 among councilmembers, Mayor Jones cast the deciding vote in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
5. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to table the request by Tim Rainey for water access and related necessities to all his new properties pending receipt of the site plan for the

- proposed development. Seconded by Councilmember NeSmith. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion to table carried.
6. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to approve the request by Kyle and Jourdan Collins to modify existing water services, and for a sewer tap (which the Collins may or may not install dependent on their cost comparison to septic), at their property located on Canadian, subject to payment of applicable fees and costs. Seconded by Councilmember Carr. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
 7. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to table the request by Rob and Brenda Schreiber, who were not present at this meeting, for water tap and water meter. Seconded by Councilmember NeSmith. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion to table carried.
 8. Councilmember Carr motioned to approve the request by Jeff and Brenda Chaney for water, sewer, and site plan approval for a building to be converted into a livable space on their property located adjacent to 306 S. Ave C, subject to payment of applicable fees and costs. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 3 to 1. Motion carried.
 9. Councilmember Carr motioned to approve the request by Dean Simpson to purchase from the City 1/2 of the alley adjacent to his property at 300 S. Ave B. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
 10. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned that Billy Durham and Sheriffa Busby are to pay their two outstanding water bills and that late fees on those two bills are waived. Seconded by Councilmember Carr. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
 11. **Consent Agenda** - Councilmember NeSmith made the motion to approve the following consent agenda:
 - A. Approve minutes of November 10, 2025.
Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
 12. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to approve blocking off portions of 4th, 5th, Brazos, and Main streets on Saturday morning, April 11, 2026, for Wortham PTO to host a community color run. Seconded by Councilmember Carr. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS - December 2025

The following were reviewed:

- Finance Department - monthly financial report.
- Public Works - monthly activity.
- Police Department - monthly activity.
- Fire Department - monthly activity.
- WEDC - monthly activity.

Adjournment:

At 9:00 P.M. Councilmember NeSmith made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Carr. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.

P. Jones

Patty Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

T. Rissmiller

Tonya Rissmiller, City Secretary

