

City of Wortham, meeting held at City Hall Council Room, 108 W. Main
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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

Council Absent: Cliff NeSmith and Patrick Evans

Staff Present: Kasi Wright, Waylon Gierisch, and Kelly Craig

Others Present: Rosie Keathley, Leonard Smith, Crystal Hutchins, Jason Evans, Kerri Butler, Denise Butler, Brandy Hughes Chenault, Tim Rainey, Dee Rainey, Scott Harper, Kateley Smith

At 6:47 p.m., Mayor Jones called the meeting to order, announced a quorum was present, and informed the citizens that agenda item 1 would be moved up ahead of the invocation and pledge so that Councilmember Carr could exit the meeting.

- 1. Councilmember Carr made the motion to approve the canvassing for the May 2, 2026 General Election as presented below, seconded by Councilmember D. Evans. The vote was 3 to 0. Motion carried.

Early and Election Day Votes

NAME OF OFFICE	CANDIDATE	TOTAL VOTES
Council Member	Kelly Calame	22
Council Member	Michael Busby	58
Council Member	Rosie Keathley	30
Council Member	Leonard Smith	62

*Councilmember Carr exited the meeting.

Rosie Keathley gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Kasi Wright provided the certificate of election, statement of officer and administered the oath of office to newly elected officers: Michael Busby, Rosie Keathley and Leonard Smith. The new members joined the meeting.

Informal Citizen Comments:

None

Citizen Participation:

- 3. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve the request from Jason Evans to place a mobile home on his property located on N. Ave D in accordance with city ordinances and to grant water and sewer taps. Seconded by Councilmember Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
- 4. Councilmember Busby made the motion to table the request from Doug Kellum regarding his request to purchase the alleyway that borders his property and Ordinance 770-0526. Seconded by Councilmember D. Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion to table carried.
- 5. **Consent Agenda** - All consent agenda items listed are considered 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 moved from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.
 - A. Councilmember Busby made the motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026. Seconded by Councilmember Smith. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.

6. Councilmember Busby made the motion to adopt a Distracted Driving Policy to add to the City's Personnel Policy. Seconded by Councilmember D. Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
7. Councilmember Busby made a motion to approve Resolution 856-0526 updating authorized representatives for the Farmers State Bank signature cards. (removing Tonya Rissmiller, adding Kasi Wright, keeping Mayor Patty Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Busby, & Maribel Hernandez Utility/Court Clerk). Seconded by Councilmember Smith. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
8. Councilmember Busby made a motion to approve Resolution 857-0526 updating the authorized representatives for Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool/Texpool Prime). Seconded by Councilmember Keathley. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
9. Councilmember Busby made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 769-0526 amending Article 3.05-Flood Damage Prevention, including floodplain regulations, permitting procedures, penalties and an effective date. Seconded by Councilmember Smith. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
10. Councilmember D. Evans made a motion to proceed with the sale of one or more vacant city lots, with a sealed bid process setting the minimum bid based on the appraised value per the CAD or percentage of the purchase price, whichever is higher, and consult with surveyor for description of lots. Seconded by Councilmember Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
11. Councilmember Keathley made a motion to approve a lease agreement with Wortham Housing Authority for property next to the Police Department. Seconded by Councilmember Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
12. Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve a quote for fencing at the Police Department in accordance with the plans submitted. Seconded by Councilmember Keathley. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS – April 2026

The following were reviewed:

- Finance Department - monthly financial report & 1st Quarter Investment Report for 2026.
- Public Works - monthly activity.
- Police Department - monthly activity.
- Fire Department - monthly activity.
- WEDC – monthly activity.

Adjournment:

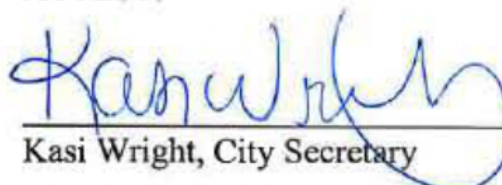
At 7:37p.m., Councilmember D. Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.



Patty Jones, Mayor



ATTEST:


Kasi Wright, City Secretary