

**City of Wortham, Texas
Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting**

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Patty Jones, Mayor
Michael Busby, Mayor Pro-Tem
Cliff NeSmith, Council Member
Patrick Evans, Council Member
Jeff Carr, Council Member
Deborah Evans, Council Member

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Place of Meeting:
Wortham Fire Dept.-107 S. 2nd

Agenda

All agenda items are subject to action. The City Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

CALL TO ORDER, ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Open Public Hearing @ 6:15 p.m.

1. Public hearing to receive comments on proposed 2025-2026 budget, WEDC budget, and proposed tax rate.

Close Public Hearing

Informal Citizen Comments (open for 15 minutes only)—State Law prohibits any deliberation of or decisions regarding items presented in informal citizens comments. City Council may only make a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; recite an existing policy; or request staff place the item on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

Regular Session

1. Citizen Participation:

- A. Heath and Mollie McCoslin renewing their July 8, 2025, request for a water tap, sewer tap, and water meter at their property located on CR 1000, which original request was tabled to allow discussion by the McCoslins with other property owners along CR 1000 interested in water access and cost-sharing, and having found no such interested owners, which request by the McCoslins now proposes connection at the west side of their property.
 - B. Shannon Zalela requests for a water tap, sewer tap, and water meter on her property on Riley St.
2. Discussion and possible action on request by Heath and Mollie McCoslin for a water tap, sewer tap, and water meter at the west side of their property on CR 1000.
 3. Discussion and possible action on request by Shannon Zalela for a water tap, sewer tap, and water meter on her property on Riley St.
 4. Billy Perez of Fairfield EMS to provide information about Fairfield EMS' emergency management and ambulance services and to request the City of Wortham consider using Fairfield EMS as the City of Wortham's primary emergency management and ambulance provider in place of the City of Mexia EMS; discussion and possible action.
 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. Approve minutes of August 12, 2025, and August 18, 2025.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 767-0925 amending and increasing certain fees and charges for water and wastewater services.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Wortham Economic Development Corporation 4A and 4B 2025-2026 budget.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract labor line item for the 2025-2026 budget for the City of Wortham enterprise fund.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2025-2026 budget for the City of Wortham, excluding the enterprise fund.
10. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2025-2026 budget for the City of Wortham enterprise fund, excluding the contract labor line item.
11. Discussion and possible action to approve raising more revenues from property taxes for fiscal year 2025-2026 by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.581698/\$100, which is effectively a 22.78% increase in the tax rate.
12. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 766-0925 adopting the voter-approval tax rate of \$0.581698/\$100 for use in the City of Wortham's 2025-2026 budget.
13. Consider Resolution No. 843-0925 authorizing the nomination of individuals for the Board of Director Members of the Freestone County Appraisal District; take action.
14. Discussion and possible action to approve engagement letter from Donald L. Allman, CPA, PC for the audit of the City of Wortham's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2025.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS - August 2025

Finance Department - monthly financial report.

Public Works - monthly activity.

Police Department - monthly activity.

Fire Department - monthly activity.

WEDC - monthly activity.

Adjournment

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