

City of Wortham, meeting held at City Hall Council Room, 108 W. Main
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Council Absent: Cliff NeSmith

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

Others Present: Debbie Reichert, Tim & Dee Rainey, Randy & Bettina Jarrell, Susan Gibbs, Kelsea Stone, and Kelly & John Calame

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Jones called the meeting to order, announced a quorum was present, and called for a moment of silence in honor of the fallen soldiers during the conflict in Iran.

Informal Citizen Comments:

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Citizen Participation:

1. Councilmember Jeff Carr motioned to approve the request by Debbi Reichert to replace her single wide mobile home with a double wide mobile home. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
2. James Hargrove was scheduled to speak regarding his October 8, 2024, request for a water meter and water tap on his property on W. Hwy 27 but was not present. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to table this request. Seconded by Councilmember Michael Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion to table carried.
3. Heath and Mollie McCoslin were scheduled to speak regarding their multiple requests for a water tap, sewer tap, and water meter at their property located on CR 1000 but were not present. Councilmember Michael Busby motioned to table this request due to speaker not present. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion to table carried.
4. The Council considered the request of John and Kelly Calame for a water tap and water meter on their property on 6th Street, where a meter had previously been installed. Kelly Calame stated that approval for this request had been granted at the Council's March 7, 2023 special called meeting. No action was taken.
5. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to approve the request of Randy and Bettina Jarrell about moving a irrigation water meter from one property to another on Canadian. Seconded by Councilmember Michael Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
6. Councilmember Jeff Carr motioned to approve Tim and Dee Rainey's request for an irrigation meter on their property on Avenue D. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
7. Councilmember Michael Busby motioned to approve the request of Kelsea Stone on behalf of the Wortham Girls Softball League for opening day of softball season at the City Park on March 28, 2026, to provide food vendors and a dry inflatable. Seconded by Councilmember Jeff Carr. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
8. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to approve the request of Susan Gibbs on behalf of Wortham Methodist Church to block off Main Street from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on April 5th for Easter Sunrise Service. Seconded by Councilmember Deborah Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
9. **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 Jeff Carr motioned to approve minutes of January 13, 2026, and January 29, 2026, meetings. Seconded by Councilmember Deborah Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.

10. Councilmember Jeff Carr motioned to approve Resolution No. 849-0326 ordering for election to be held on May 2, 2026. Seconded by Patrick Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
11. Councilmember Michael Busby motioned to approve a contract for election services with Freestone County for the May 2, 2026, General Election. Seconded by Councilmember Deborah Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
12. Councilmember Jeff Carr motioned to approve Resolution No. 850-0326 accepting the donation of a used work truck from Supreme Roofing. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
13. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to approve Ordinance No. 768-0326 providing for the abandonment of part of an alley in connection with the conveyance of the same by the City to Dean Simpson, such conveyance having been authorized by the City Council on January 13, 2026. Seconded by Councilmember Jeff Carr. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
14. Councilmember Jeff Carr motioned to approve Resolution No. 851-0326 to enter into the updated agreement for municipal waste management services with Allied Waste Services dba Republic Services. Seconded by Councilmember Michael Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
15. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to approve the request to upgrade the current internet services provided by Nextlink to the fire department and police department. (Craig) Seconded by Councilmember Michael Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
16. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to approve Resolution No. 852-0326, adopting the City's investment policy. Seconded by Michael Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
17. Councilmember Jeff Carr motioned to approve Resolution No. 853-0326 renewing the bank note with Farmers State Bank for funds borrowed for the 2022 police package Chevrolet Tahoe patrol car. Seconded by Councilmember Patrick Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
18. Councilmember Patrick Evans motioned to table approval of Ordinance No. 769-0326, which amends to Chapter 13 (Utilities) of Code of Ordinances to provide for the removal of idle or inactive water meters, including notice procedures, administrative fees, and an effective date. The motion to table was made to allow City staff to reconcile discrepancies where meters may be classified as inactive in the system despite being physically active. Seconded by Councilmember Deborah Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion to table carried.
19. **Executive Session:** The agenda included consideration of an Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of **Chapter 551.074, Personnel Matters**, of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, **duties**, discipline, or dismissal of the following public officers or employees:
 - **City Secretary**
 - **Utility Clerk**
 - **Mayor** (specifically regarding statutory duties and executive responsibilities)The Mayor invoked the right under Texas Government Code 551.074 (b) to have the discussion conducted in open session. No executive session was convened.
A discussion in open session was held regarding **Chapter 551.074, Personnel Matters**, and no action was taken.
20. **Reconvene Into Regular Session:** Not applicable. The Council remained in open session.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS – February 2026

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:

Councilmember P. Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Seconded by Councilmember D. Evans. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.

Patty Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tonya Rissmiller, City Secretary