

City of Wortham, meeting held at 107 S. 2nd, Wortham, Texas
Minutes of Special Called Council Meeting on August 18, 2025

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

Council Absent: Deborah Evans

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

*At 5:05 p.m., Mayor Jones announced no quorum at present and moved up agenda items #5 and #6 (Budget Workshop and City Hall walk-through) ahead of the Special Called Meeting.

City Hall Walk-Through/Budget Workshop

6. All present walked through City Hall to review and discuss status of renovations.
*Councilmember Patrick Evans joined at 5:20 p.m. during City Hall walk-through.
5. FY 2025-2026 proposed budget was not discussed.

No action was taken from the City Hall walk-through/Budget Workshop.

Special Called Council Meeting---held at the Wortham Fire Department

At 5:37 p.m., Mayor Patty Jones called the meeting to order and announced a quorum was present. Councilmember Patrick Evans gave an invocation.

Informal Citizen Comments: None.

1. The Council reviewed the 2025 certified values and tax rates received from Freestone County Tax Assessor. Councilmember Patrick Evans made the motion to accept the proposed voter-approval tax rate of \$0.581698/\$100 for the proposed 2025-2026 budget. Seconded by Councilmember Michael Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
2. Councilmember Busby made the motion to schedule a public hearing about the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year budget and tax rate on September 9, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Carr. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.
3. Councilmember Patrick Evans made the motion to give notice of non-renewal on the garbage contract with Republic Services, and to explore waste management service options. Seconded by Councilmember NeSmith. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.

4. **Consent Agenda** - Councilmember NeSmith made the motion to approve the following consent agenda:
A. Approve minutes of July 8, 2025.

Seconded by Councilmember Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

At 5:54 p.m., Councilmember Patrick Evans made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Busby. The vote was 4 to 0. Motion carried.

Patty Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tonya Rissmiller, City Secretary