

CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE
HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.
CONFERENCE ROOM
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

The regular public meeting of January 13, 2026, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Chet Thomas. The Aldermen in attendance were Robinson, Caldwell, George, Horn and Sailers. A quorum was declared. There was also a small group of residents in attendance. Mayor Thomas led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Mark Richardson, Pastor at Hideaway Lake Community Church.

The Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Regular Public Meeting were moved to be approved by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Caldwell and approved unanimously.

The financial report was given by Alderman Sailers. The current year financial report was moved to be approved by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Caldwell and approved unanimously. Alderman Horn made note that the some of the funds (approximately \$39,000) held in the Texas Bank & Trust Wealth Management Cash Account were transferred to the checking account in order to pay the current obligations. These funds will be transferred back to savings when funds are received from Oncor in April.

Mayor Thomas has been in communication with Tom Trimble from Oncor. Mr. Trimble reported that severe tree trimming will begin soon to accommodate the replacement of power poles and transformers. A map was provided showing the route of the tree trimming plan. This map will be posted on the website. According to Oncor, our reliability should increase dramatically.

Texas Municipal League Risk Pool, which is the City's liability and property coverage cost has gone down to approximately \$3,000.

Emergency Management Director, Joann Messina, reported that there will be a new CERT class in February 6, 21 and 28. The dates to attend this class will be posted on the website.

A motion was made to approve the contract with Smith County Elections Office to conduct the Hideaway City election by Alderman Horn with a second by Alderman Caldwell. This was approved unanimously. The cost of the election will be \$5,557.08.

A motion was made by Alderman Horn to approve the Order of Election for the City of Hideaway. It was seconded by Alderman Salers and unanimously approved. The city secretary will work with Michelle Allcon, Smith County Elections Administrator, to conduct the election. Applications for the position of Alderman will be available in the administration building beginning Wednesday, January 14, 2026 with the deadline to file being February 13, 2026.

Public comments were called for per Texas Government Code Section 551.007. There were none.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6:21.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Vander Giessen

Secretary