

CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE
HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.
CONFERENCE ROOM
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

The regular public meeting of July 14, 2026, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Chet Thomas. The Aldermen in attendance were Robinson, George, Braun, Kaufman and Sailors. A quorum was declared. Joann Messina, the Emergency Management Coordinator was in attendance. There was also a small group of residents and guests in attendance. Mayor Thomas led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer.

The Purple Heart Adjutant, Lisa Holmes, spoke of the history and scope of the Purple Heart organization and congratulated the City of Hideaway for becoming a Purple Heart City. Alderman George made a motion which was seconded by Alderman Sailors, that the City of Hideaway become an official Purple Heart City. The motion passed unanimously. Lisa Holmes then presented the Board of Aldermen and Mayor an official plaque to be placed at the south entrance gate to signify same.

Peoples Internet Service (a not-for-profit co-op) representatives spoke about the advantages of their services to Hideaway. Peoples Internet would install fiber optic lines within a time frame of approximately 6 months to one year installation time. Service requests would be answered locally with a response time of 24

hours. Peoples Internet has installed fiber optics lines in Quitman, Yantis, Emory, Mineola, etc.

The following aldermen were nominated for positions for one year:

Mayor Pro Tem – Melissa Sailors – nominated by Alderman Braun, seconded by Alderman George.

Treasurer – Clark Kaufman – nominated by Alderman Braun, seconded by Alderman George.

Assistant Treasurer – Melissa Sailors – nominated by Alderman Braun, seconded by Alderman George.

All position were filled with a unanimous vote.

The Treasurer's report was given by Alderman Sailors. Alderman Braun made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Alderman George, and the report was unanimously accepted.

Joann Messina reported that the Emergency Management team is organizing another National Night Out scheduled for October 2026. Joann is also pursuing grants that may be available to the City of Hideaway.

It was noted that the City of Hideaway records and files need modernization. Files are currently stored in an unsecured room in the Marina and a locked cabinet in the Administration Building. Alderman Braun has studied this situation and suggested that Microsoft 365 Business Basic be utilized for this process. The cost would be approximately \$1,000 per year for 12 licenses. This proposal will be pursued by Alderman Braun.

The newly elected aldermen are required by the State of Texas to take several training classes which are available on line at the Texas Municipal League website. Alderman Braun will compile a checklist of the requirements for the use of the new and future aldermen.

Economic development was discussed with numerous questions regarding the purpose, the process and goals. Alderman Braun made a motion to study and pursue economic development by a committee consisting of two aldermen and other residents. Various concerns were raised about pursuing a different source of income, other than the ROW fees and other fees, which are the current source of income. Another item of concern was making sure that there was no crossing of authorities or co-mingling between the city and the club. Alderman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion to create a study committee was approved unanimously.

The next Board of Aldermen meeting is scheduled Tuesday, September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Vander Giessen, Secretary