

CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE
HIDEAWAY LAKE CLUB, INC.
CONFERENCE ROOM
Tuesday, September 9, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

The public meeting of September 9, 2025, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Chet Thomas. The Aldermen in attendance were Jim Caldwell, Melissa Sailors, Laura George, and Gwyn Horn. A quorum was declared. Joann Messina the Emergency Manager Director, and Pet Fengler, the web site director were also in attendance. There was also a group of residents in attendance. Mayor Thomas led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short prayer.

The minutes from the previous meetings held on July 15, 2025 were unanimously approved with one correction.

The Smith County 911 Emergency budget is sent to all cities within Smith County for approval. It was briefly explained by Mayor Thomas. Alderman Horn presented a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Caldwell and it was unanimously approved.

Joann Messina, the Hideaway Emergency Management Director, reported that Hideaway will take part in the National Night Out program on Thursday, October 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the clubhouse parking lot. This will be an affordable family event to meet with the people who protect us. Police, fire and ambulance

service will be represented. Brandon Moore, who is the Smith County Emergency Management Coordinator spoke briefly about the process of handling an emergency – city first, then county, then state, then federal. He also spoke about grants available from the government for emergency preparedness.

Also at the meeting to answer any questions about emergency preparedness was Troy Pritchard from the Lindale Fire Department.

Mayor Thomas gave a report on the upgrades which Oncor will be doing in Hideaway over the next year. Oncor plans on cutting and trimming trees and replacing old power poles and lines throughout Hideaway. We are currently serviced by one power station on the south side of Hideaway. Another power station is planned for the north side of Hideaway amidst the Highway 16 construction. The two power stations will work in tandem in an emergency situation.

Alderman Sailors presented the current financial report. A motion was made by Alderman Horn and seconded by Alderman George to accept the financial report submitted by Alderman Sailors. No action was needed on the current investments.

The Mayor's Budget for October 2025 through September 2026 was presented by Mayor Thomas. Alderman Sailors made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Alderman George and approved unanimously. This budget will be available on the web site.

Public Comments were called for and there were none.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6:43.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Vander Giessen

Secretary

