



City of Bells City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2026 @ 5:30 P.M.
City of Bells City Hall
203 S. Broadway Street
Bells, Texas 75414

1 Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present.

2 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (U.S. & Texas)

3 Citizens' Comments.

[The City Council invites citizens to speak to the Council on any topic on which the City Council has authority. Prior to the meeting, please complete an "Address the Council Card" and present it to the City Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. The time limit is three minutes per speaker, not to exceed a total of fifteen minutes for all speakers. An "Address the Council Card" is not necessary to speak on a Public Hearing item.]

4 Reports from Department Heads.

- 4.1 Fire Department
- 4.2 Police Department
- 4.3 Public Works

5 Consent Agenda.

[Routine Council business. Consent Agenda is approved by a single majority vote. Items may be removed for open discussion by a request from a Councilmember or member of staff.]

- 5.1 Consider and approve monthly financial report.
- 5.2 Consider and approve regular meeting minutes on January 16, 2026

6 Consider and approve Bells Police Department Racial Profiling Report for 2025.

7 Consider and approve the Notice of Award for the Branch Street Sewer Line Repair.

8 Consider and approve Ordinance 02162026 General Election for the City of Bells on May 2, 2026

9 Consider and act on purchase of a new Deep South International Engine/Tender unit a Squad/Rescue vehicle, and a firefighting Skid Unit.

10 Consider and act accepting the financing offer attached for the purchase of the Deep South Tender, the Squad/Rescue Unit, and the skids Unit.

11 Consider and act on list auction and/or jointly accept bid offers by mayor and fire chief for 2007 International Tender and 2008 Pierce Engine.

- 12 **Consider and act on council affirming the city attorney signature on the Police/Fire radio finance packet. Signature states the city is a municipality under government code, and the city attorney has requested the city "Affirm" his signature in agreement to the statement.**
- 13 **Consider and act on approval for fire department personal protective equipment (PPE) and PPE cleaning equipment purchase using the awarded Texas Forest Service Grant for reimbursement, total up to \$25,000 at a 95% match.**
- 14 **EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Council may convene into Executive Session to discuss the following: Consultation with Attorney under Tx Govt. Code 551.071 – on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.**

14.1 Generator - MOJO

- 15 **Reconvene into regular session and consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.**

16 **Informational Reports:**

[These reports are for information only. No discussion is appropriate unless there is a specific item listed below or there is a request that the item be placed on a subsequent agenda as a discussion and action item. Sec. 551.0415 of Open Meetings Act.]

16.1 Mayor

16.2 Council

17 **Adjournment**

The City Council of the City of Bells reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during this meeting to discuss any matters that are eligible to be discussed in executive session, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), and 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and 551.087 (Deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations).

THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABLED. IF YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER OR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, CALL 903.965.7744 AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING.

I, Pamela Winkler, hereby certify that the above agenda is publicly posted on/or before 8:00 a.m. on this 11th day of February, 2026.

Date

Time

Pamela Winkler, City Secretary