



City of Bells City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2025 @ 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.

3 Pledge to United States Flag and Texas Flag.

4 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 a "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.]

5 Public Hearing

In consideration of adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2025. The proposed tax rate is 0.665032 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$163,581, which is a 24.40 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$21,954

- 5.1 Citizens Comments
- 5.2 Council Comments

6 Reports from Department Heads.

- 6.1 Fire Department
- 6.2 Police Department
- 6.3 Public Works

7 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.]

- 7.1 Consider and approve monthly financial report.
- 7.2 Consider and approve special meeting minutes on August 14, 2025, regular meeting on August 18, 2025 and special meeting August 28, 2025

8 Consider and accept Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2024, and accept Engagement Letter for the 2025.2026 fiscal year with Vail and Park P.C.

- 9 Consider and act on Downtown Revitalization Grant**
- 10 Consider and approve EMS Agreement between City of Whitewright's Emergency Medical Services and City of Bells for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.**
- 11 Consider and approve Resolution R09152025 nominating candidates for the Appraisal District Board of Directors.**
- 12 Consider and approve Ordinance 09152025A ratifying the property tax revenue for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.**
- 13 Consider and approve Ordinance 09152025B levying a tax rate for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bells for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.**
- 14 Consider and approve Ordinance 09152025 Official Newspaper for the 2025.2026 Fiscal.**
- 15 Consider and approve Radio lease for Fire Department and Police Department.**
- 16 Consider and approve proposal to trade Brush Truck 93 for the value of \$6,000.00 in parts and install lift kit, rim, tires and skid plates on Brush Truck 91.**
- 17 Consider and approve Fall Community Garage Sale.**

18 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.]

18.1 Mayor

18.2 Council

19 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 5:00 p.m. on this 8th day of September, 2025.

Date

Time

Pamela Winkler, City Secretary