

CITY OF SMILEY
COUNCIL FOR REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
MINUTES

The Smiley City Council met in regular session on Tuesday February 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Smiley City Hall located at 207 Steele, Smiley, TX 78159.

Members present were, Mayor Lisa Benavidez, Ellis Villasana, Diana Moreno, Melva Childress, Daniel Benavidez and Marshal Torres. **Absent** Elisa Douglas

A Quorum was present, and Mayor Lisa Benavidez called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas recited.

Citizen to be Heard: NONE

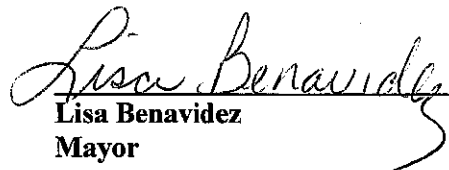
1. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Melva Childress to **Approve the Minutes January 20, 2025 meetings.** All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
2. Financial Statements and unpaid bills were presented. 1st motion made by Diana Moreno and 2nd by Ellis Villasana to approve the payment of debt for the month. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
3. The City Marshall Report:
4. Received Municipal Court Report.
5. Utility Report
 - a. ID all taps along CR 180 and locate meters
6. 1st motion made by Daniel Benavidez and 2nd by Diana Moreno to approve **the Resolution establishing Citizen Complaint and Employee Disciplinary documentation procedures, and consideration of direction to prepare a comprehensive Personnel Policy Manual.** All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
7. 1st motion made by Diana Moreno and 2nd by Daniel Benavidez to **approve the Resolution Delegating Authority to the Mayor To Hire Certain City Employees.** All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
8. 1st motion made by Diana Morno and 2nd by Ellis Villasana to approve **the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Public Utility Right-of-Way Easement along County Road 180.** All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
9. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Melva Childress to **approve Resolution for Operation Lones Star FY 2027.** All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
10. 1st motion made by Melva Childress and 2nd by Diana Moreno to approve to **Resolution for DJ-Edward Eyne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2027.** All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
11. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Diana Moreno to approve **declaring 2019 Ford**

Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AT6KGB15439 as surplus. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed.

12. 1st motion made by Diana Moreno and 2nd by Ellis Villasana to approve **authorizing Marshal Jason Torres to sell 2019 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AT6KGB15439.** All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
13. 1st motion made by Melva Childress and 2nd by Ellis Villasana to approve **acquiring 2 new email accounts for the Marshal's office (.gov),** 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed.
14. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Daniel Benavidez to approve **purchase and acquire 2 new phone lines for 1 hotspot and 1 phone from first net.** All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed.
15. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Melva Childress to approve **hiring Brandy Hawkins as Municipal Court Clerk for 20 hrs a week at \$17.00.** All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed.
16. 1st motion made by Daniel Benavidez and 2nd by Diana Moreno to approve allowing Oma's Schnitzel Ranch to **install 3-5 games for residents to come play pending legal review by the City Attorney.** All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed.
17. 1st motion made by Melva Childress and 2nd by Diana Moreno to Adjourn, All in favor, 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed. Time 9:43 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Smiley City Council may convene into executive (closed) session in accordance with the Texas Government Code when necessary and legally justified. Any item on this agenda may be discussed in executive session if authorized by Texas Law regardless of whether it is listed under "Executive Session" of this agenda, and regardless of any past or current practice of the City Council. Executive Sessions herein are closed meetings, and may include the consideration of any item otherwise listed on the agenda plus any subject matter specified in the executive session notice, and may include items under the Texas Government Code as follows: Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney regarding contemplated or pending litigation, a settlement officer or administrative hearing); Section 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property); Section 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts & Donations); Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters); Section 551.076 (Deliberation about Security Devices); Section 551.086 (Deliberations regarding Municipally Owned Utility); and Section 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiation). In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Smiley will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending City Council meetings. To better serve attendees, requests should be received 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact city secretary by phone at 830-587-6220 or fax 830-587-6231.


Scott Jewett
Smiley City Secretary


Lisa Benavidez
Mayor