

Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at (time) p.m. in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Greg Contreras
Mayor Pro Tem DeMonica Gooden
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Councilmember Jeremy Koontz
Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown
Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker

COUNCIL ARRIVING AT:

COUNCIL ABSENT:

WORK SESSION / BRIEFING

1. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Contreras read the item into the record, and City Manager Finch reviewed each item.

2. CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

3. BRIEFINGS / PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Contreras recessed the Briefing Session at 6:31 p.m. for City Council to convene into Executive Session.

A. *Review and Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the City Charter*
Presented by City Attorney Robert Hager.

B. *Council briefing and discussion on an ordinance to amend Chapter 1, Division 3, Section 1-12 creating a process for the naming of municipal buildings or lands.*
Presented by City Manager Finch.

C. *The City Council will receive a briefing on the Brush and Bulk collection efforts, in partnership with Republic Services, in response to the recent storms.*
Presented by Assistant City Manager - Operations Richard Abernethy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was called into session at 6:31 p.m., and Mayor Contreras read the item into the record.

The Council closed the Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

- City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.072, 551.087 and 551.071 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties, being located north of Daniieldale Road, west of SH 67, east of Cedar Ridge Drive, and south of Camp Wisdom Rd; and to seek legal advice from City Attorney regarding such real property.***

REGULAR SESSION - CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:00 P.M. or immediately following the 6:00 pm Work Session/Briefing)

The City Council convened into Regular Session in the Council Chambers at 7:33 p.m. with Mayor Contreras presiding.

Pastor Chris Gutierrez with Arise Church delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Contreras led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

1. REPORTS

A. *Mayor's Report.*

Mayor Contreras reminded citizens of the Independence Day Parade and Celebration on July 4th. He also reported on the retirement celebration last Friday for Assistant Fire Chief Greg Chase.

B. *Councilmembers' Reports*

Councilmember McBurnett reported on the Duncanville Community Theater production. He also commented on the retirement celebration of Greg Chase, the Police promotions, and other events happening in the city. He asked for prayers for Ms. Dorothy Wolverton. Mayor Pro Tem Gooden reported on the Juneteenth celebration by the Arts Commission and commended Angela Thorpe-Harris for the idea for the event. It was well done. She commented that the first grant cycle for the Art Commission grants has closed and asked citizens to be aware of future opportunities to apply for grants in September. She thanked Greg Chase for his service to the city and thanked the City Manager and staff, including Project Manager Angel Deal, for the council retreat last Friday. Councilmember Koontz reported on the Duncanville Community Theater and the theater camp for kids. He encouraged citizens to continue to support the theater.

C. *City Manager's Report.*

City Manager Finch thanked the council for their time and participation in the retreat. He gave kudos to the IT department for their input on doing things more efficiently. He also gave an update on the upcoming Independence Day celebration.

2. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

3. CITIZENS' INPUT

“Pursuant to Section 551.007 of the Texas Gov’t Code, any member of the public has the opportunity to address the City Council concerning any matter of public business or any posted agenda item; however, the Act prohibits the City Council from deliberating any issues not on the public agenda and such non-agenda issues may be referred to City staff for research and any future action; all persons addressing are subject to council adopted rules and limitations permitted by law”

At this time, two-minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. To address the Council, please submit a fully completed request card to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Input portion of the Council meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council cannot discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Issues may be referred to City Staff for research and possible future action.

To view the live meeting or previous meetings click on the link below.

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To submit a comment via email the following information is required:

- Submit a comment by 4:00 p.m. on _
- Email citysecretary@duncanvilletx.gov
- Email title: Public Comment – _
- First Name, Last Name, and Address

Mayor Contreras read the item into the record. The following spoke during the Citizens Input Period:

Barry Gordon
1751 Crescent Lane
City Charter amendment

Julie Steger
214 Meadowcreek Dr
Change

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. *Consider a Resolution awarding a bid and authorizing a cooperative purchasing agreement with Legacy Ready-Mix, LLC. for ready-mixed concrete through City of Grand Prairie Contract 58478 for a one-year term with a renewal option for three additional one-year terms, in an estimated contract amount not to exceed \$369,810.00, subject to City Council appropriation.***

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- B. *Consider a Resolution awarding a bid and authorizing a cooperative purchasing agreement with Curtco, Inc. for pavement crack and joint sealing services through City of Grand Prairie Contract 21186 for a fourteen-month term, in an estimated contract amount not to exceed \$250,754.68, subject to City Council appropriation.***

RES 2025-495

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mayor Pro Tem DeMonica Gooden seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. *Take any necessary action as a result of the Executive Session.***
No action taken.
- B. *Public Hearing to consider amending Chapter 12B "Parks" of the Code of Ordinances to include nature preserves and associated rules and regulations.***

Presented by Director of Parks and Recreation Bart Stevenson.

Mayor Contreras opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Spoke in favor:
Emily Bridges
418 Oleander

Spoke in opposition:
none

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

Mayor Contreras closed the public hearing at 7:56 pm.

Councilmember Koontz requested to remove the word "primarily" from the preserve uses.

Councilmember Jeremy Koontz made a motion to approve the item with the requested amendment, Councilmember Don McBurnett seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

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6. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY