

Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM 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 Interim City Manager Richard Abernethy reviewed each item.

2. CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

A. January and February Calendar

City Secretary Chiquita Taylor reviewed the council calendars.

3. BRIEFINGS / PRESENTATIONS

Items B and C were moved to Staff Reports.

The briefing session was closed at 7:51 PM.

A. Briefing on Economic Development Advisory Services

Presented by Assistant City Manager-Community Mark Rauscher and Assistant Director of Economic Development Marlon Goff. A representative from Catalyst was available to answer questions.

B. Briefing on a proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement with Nationwide Services in the amount of \$15,000 for a vacant surplus land parcel owned by the City of Duncanville and located at 110 W

Magnolia Ln.

Presented by Marlon Goff. Mayor Contreras asked if the purchaser would be willing to pave the parcel in order to move vehicles off Main Street. Councilmember Pennebaker agreed with the need to pave the parcel to alleviate the excess parking. Mayor Pro Tem Gooden asked that Code Enforcement enforce parking on unimproved surfaces. Councilmember Koontz would like conditions on the use of the property to control the number of cars on the property.

- C. Briefing on the potential creation of a Charles F. Ladd Nature Preserve Advisory Committee.

Presented by Director of Parks and Recreation Bart Stevenson. Councilmember Koontz and Councilmember Pennebaker recommended creating a stand-alone committee and adding someone with Planning and Zoning experience. Mayor Contreras asked about the charge of the committee. Mr. Stevenson responded that the charge is the redevelopment of the Blackland Prairie and to receive requests from groups who want to see improvements, as well as the creation of a Land Management Plan.

- D. Briefing on proposed Advanced Metering Infrastructure plans and funding, discuss the information, and provide direction if necessary.

Presented by Public Works Director Matt Bryant and Managing Director of Fiscal Service/CFO Richard Jackson.

- E. Kimley Horn-ADG Police and Courts Needs Assessment

Presented by Project Manager Angel Deal, with Rodney McManus and Annie Briscoe, with KimleyHorn ADG. They presented a new option that includes a small portion of Armstrong Park as requested at the January 13th special meeting. Attorney Robert Hager said the council would need to have an election to take a portion of the park. This could be done at the same time as the bond election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In the interest of time, Mayor Contreras moved the Executive Session to after the Regular Session.

The executive session was called into session at 9:21 PM, and Mayor Contreras read the item into the record.

The Council closed the Executive Session at 9:31 PM.
Item A was not discussed.

- A. City Council shall convene into closed session pursuant to Section

551.072, 551.087 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease of real properties, being located east of Main Street, north of US 67, west of Cockrell Hill Road, and south of Camp Wisdom Road, and to seek legal advice from City Attorney regarding such real property.

- B. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074, of the Texas Government Code, Personnel, to deliberate the duties of the City Manager under the Home Rule Charter and, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to seek legal advice from the City Attorney on the same topic.

REGULAR SESSION - CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:00 P.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 6:00 PM WORK SESSION/BRIEFING)

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council convened into Regular Session in the Council Chambers at 7:59 p.m. with Mayor Contreras presiding.

Father Uche Aladi with Holy Spirit Catholic Church delivered the Invocation.

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

4. REPORTS

- A. Mayor's Report** - Mayor Contreras reported on the State of the City event on Friday, January 16th.
- B. Councilmember Reports** - Mayor Pro Tem Gooden recognized Communications/Marketing Specialist Francisco Ramos and Special Events Planner Devon Handley for their excellent work in the city.
- C. City Manager's Report** - Mr. Abernethy announced that the city received an award from the Water Development Board for lead line replacement. He also reported that Republic is continuing its Saturday pickup to clear leaves and informed the public of impending inclement weather this coming weekend.

5. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

No proclamations or presentations.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

Barry Gordon 1751 Crescent Lane
Police station

Jim Jones 1627 Nob Hill Circle
Proposed Bond

Emily Bridges 418 Oleander
Ladd Advisory Committee

7. CONSENT AGENDA

The following may be acted upon in one motion. A City Councilmember may request items be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

- A. Consider the minutes for the January 6, 2026, regular City Council Meeting.
- B. Consider a resolution approving the Special Events Sponsorship Packet

RES 2026-589

- C. Consider a Resolution awarding a bid and authorizing a cooperative purchasing agreement with Prime Controls, L.P., for on-demand Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition software programming support and telemetry instrumentation repairs at water storage facilities through City of Grand Prairie Contract 58721 for a one-year term with a renewal option for three additional one-year terms, in an estimated contract amount not to exceed \$135,000.00, subject to City Council appropriation.

RES 2026-590

- D. Consider a proposed economic development incentive related to the redevelopment of the Railroad Flats Property, owned by the Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC), for the construction of a townhome development.

Mr. Abernethy advised the council that staff would like to table this item.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to table the item until Feb 17th, Councilmember Joe Veracruz seconded the motion. The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against (Mayor Pro Tem DeMonica Gooden).

TABLED

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda items A-C, Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Take any necessary action as a result of the Executive Session.

No action taken.

- B. Nominees for Arts and Cultural District Steering Committee
Chairperson

Presented by Angel Deal. Requested nominations for the Arts and Cultural District Steering Committee. MPT Gooden nominated Ron Thompson, Angela Thorpe-Harriss, and Angel Deal. Councilmember Koontz asked if the resolution was for the committee to choose the chair after the committee had been formed. Mayor Pro Tem Gooden confirmed the resolution was for the council to appoint the chairperson for the Arts and Cultural District. Councilmember Koontz requested to table the item to accept nominations for the committee and to amend the resolution to allow the committee to appoint a chair after the committee is formed, and to include the number of seven appointees.

Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown made a motion to Table until Feb 3rd to accept nominations for the committee, Councilmember Joe Veracruz seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

9. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Holiday Lights Post Event

Presented by Devon Handley.

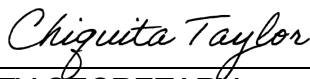
Mayor Contreras recessed the Regular Session at 9:16 PM to convene the Executive Session.

Mayor Contreras reconvened the Regular Session at 9:35 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

APPROVED:



CITY SECRETARY