

Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:00 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. March 2026 and April 2026 Calendars

City Secretary Chiquita Taylor reviewed the Council Calendar.

3. BRIEFINGS / PRESENTATIONS

- A. Briefing on Human Resources
Information/Payroll System

Presented by Human Resources Director Ashley Jacobs. Mayor Contreras would like a more in-depth discussion on this item in a workshop.

- B. Briefing on Grand Prairie Fire Department specialized response
operations available to Duncanville Fire Department through
Statewide Mutual Aid.

Presented by Fire Chief Chris Conneally.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Contreras recessed the Briefing Session at 6:34 p.m. for City Council to convene into Executive Session.

The Executive Session was called into session at 6:35 p.m. and Mayor Contreras read the item into the record.

The Council closed the Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

- A. 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)

The City Council convened into Regular Session in the Council Chambers at 7:11 p.m. with Mayor Contreras presiding.

Pastor Diego Mota with Duncanville First Baptist Church delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Contreras led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

4. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Contreras commended the staff on the Black History Month Fireside Chat this past week.

B. Councilmembers' Report

Councilmember McBurnett asked for prayers and blessings for former Police Officer Doug Sisk on the loss of his Mom. He also asked for prayers for the former Chamber President Steve Martin. He then reviewed upcoming events in the city. Mayor Pro Tem Gooden reminded all to keep the military and their families in your prayers.

C. City Manager's Report

City Manager Abernethy reported that March is Women's History Month and mentioned the display in the lobby and the upcoming Fireside Chat on March 26th. He informed every one of the upcoming severe weather in the city, and reminded them to sign up for emergency notifications

5. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proclamation for Women's History Month 2026.

Read by Councilmember Cherry-Brown and presented to Project Manager Angel Deal.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

Erika Browning 442 E. Cherry St.
Item 8D - Railroad Flats

Justin Reece Edwards 226 Mizell
St. Hilltop Haven

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 February 17, 2026, City Council Meeting.
- B. Consider a Resolution canceling the May 2, 2026, General Election.
- C. Consider a resolution for an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Boards and Commissions for the Keep Duncanville Beautiful Board.
- D. Consider a resolution to approve a HOT Fund Award to Hilton Garden Inn
- E. Consider a Resolution awarding a bid and authorizing a cooperative purchasing agreement with Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P., to purchase two dump trucks through BuyBoard Contract 723-23 in the expenditure amount of \$205,879.16.
- F. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Ash Grove Cement Plant Access Agreement to utilize their facilities for the purposes of ropes related fire rescue training.
- G. Consider a Resolution to issue a Notice of Intent to Issue Certificate of Obligation (CO) Bonds
- H. Consider a Resolution authorizing the application to the North Central Texas Council of Governments and FY26 Homeland Security Grant–State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) for a thermal imaging equipment that will be used for and in support of the Police Department’s Special Operations Unit, to provide funding to purchase thermal imaging equipment, with a total grant value of approximately \$30,000.00.

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.

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

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

No action taken.

- B. Consider a resolution to adopt the new Community Pillars, Core Values and Mission Statement

Presented by Angel Deal.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the item, Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

- C. Consider an Ordinance Merging the Sign Control Board into the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)

Presented by Assistant City Manager-Community Mark Rauscher.

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

- D. Conduct a public hearing to consider a Chapter 380 Agreement with Pegaso California Construction Corporation as part of the acquisition and redevelopment of the Railroad Flats Property, owned by the Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC).

Presented by Assistant Economic Development Director Marlon Goff.

Mayor Contreras opened the public hearing at 7:37 pm

Spoke in Opposition:

Maria De La Rosa 1107 Rock Springs Rd.

Erika Browning 442 E. Cherry St.

Spoke in Support:

Jim Jones 1621 Nob Hill Cir.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to close the public hearing, Mayor Pro-Tem DeMonica Gooden seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

The public hearing was closed at 7:41 pm.

Mayor Contreras asked Mr. Goff to confirm that the vote was for the property's economic incentives. Mr. Goff reviewed the requested incentives. Councilmember Koontz confirmed that the purchase-sale agreement is contingent on approval of the 380 Agreement. Councilmember McBurnett asked if there are any restrictions on

the incentives. Mr. Goff stated it is dependent on the milestones in the project being met. Councilmember Koontz requested that we make use of the agreement with Catellus to workshop the city-owned properties, including this one.

Councilmember Jeremy Koontz made a motion to approve the item, Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown seconded the motion. The vote was cast 5 for, 2 against (Mayor Pro Tem DeMonica Gooden and Councilmember Jeremy Koontz).

- E. Consider a resolution establishing the Charles F. Ladd Nature Preserve Advisory Committee, defining their scope of work, and appointing members to the committee.

Presented by Parks and Recreation Director Bart Stevenson.

Mayor Contreras stated he is in support of staff selecting the persons for the Ladd Nature Preserve Advisory Committee. The Council recommends seven members for the committee.

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

- F. Consider a resolution approving funding awards for the 2nd quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 City of Duncanville Arts Grant Program as recommended by the Duncanville Arts Commission.

Presented by Communications and Marketing Administrator Alex Hamby.

Mayor Pro-Tem DeMonica Gooden made a motion to approve the item, Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

- G. Consider a resolution adopting the Arts Funding Policy and Grant Guidelines Revision

Presented by Alex Hamby.

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

- H. Consider an ordinance repealing and replacing Section 16A-39, "Murals," of Ordinance No. 1909, § 1, 10-5-04, to remove restrictions on branded content and business identification in murals

Presented by Alex Hamby.

Mayor Contreras voiced a concern that there may be a conflict with the sign ordinance and asked that the sign ordinance provide an exception for murals.

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

- I. Consider a resolution approving a mural at Xela Bistro, 1117 S. Main Street, Duncanville, TX 75137.

Presented by Alex Hamby.

Mayor Pro-Tem DeMonica Gooden made a motion to table this item pending the approval of item H, Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker seconded the motion. The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against (Councilmember Don McBurnett).

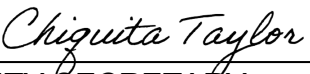
9. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

APPROVED:



CITY SECRETARY