

August 11, 2025

The City Council met in Public Hearing followed by Regular Session on August 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were City Administrator-Jessie Montez, Mayor-Sally Poteet, Council Members: Adrian Hernandez, Shawna Barnhill, Steven Villa, Gib Wheeler, and Garrett Fulton. Also present were, City Attorney-Paige Skehan, Chief of Police-Joe Morales, and Finance Director-Laura Walker. Visitors: Tyler Krueger.

The Public Hearing for Proposed Budget and Planning and Zoning was called to order by Mayor Sally Poteet at 7:00 p.m.

2025-2026 Proposed Budget
Colton Kidd 604 W. 5th Street (LT 10 & All 11, BLK 4 E47, Grisham ADDN.)

No public comment.

Mayor Sally Poteet closed the Public Hearing and opened Regular Session at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by Council Member Villa and seconded by Council Member Barnhill that the previous minutes from July 14, 2025 be approved, all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to approve variance for Colton Kidd 604 W. 5th Street (LT 10 & All 11, BLK 4 E47, Grisham ADDN.) to place 3 (Three) foot tall fence in front yard, on right of way with the understanding it will have to be removed (at owner's expense) should a sidewalk be installed or city utilities need to be accessed. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, all voted for.

Tyler Krueger with Parkhill addressed the process and time frame of opening a new landfill. Tyler gave rough estimates of how much time 50 (Fifty) acres would provide and the ability to build up the landfill vertically. His rough estimate was 35 (Thirty-Five) years with the process taking up to 2.5 (Two and a Half) years. Space is running low at the current landfill and the process should be started as soon as possible. City Council suggested City Administrator, Jessie Montez, try to negotiate \$800,000.00 (Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the 50 (Fifty) acres located next to the landfill.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion to postpone noise and nuisance ordinance to allow the Chief of Police and the City Attorney more time to discuss and create ordinances to present to the Council next month. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, all voted for.

City Attorney, Paige Skehan, discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with Stanton ISD. She suggested the City of Stanton counter with our own Memorandum of Understanding and the document be more of a tool to collaborate, communicate, and have joint planning between the entities for mutual support. The City Council gave permission for Paige Skehan and Joe Morales to discuss and come to agreement for new Memorandum of Understanding with Stanton ISD.

Council Member Villa made the motion to rescind bid from Texas Municipal Equipment for the purchase of a sewer machine, because it was not new. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion, all voted for.

Bids were opened for new sewer machine. Texas Municipal Equipment's bid was for \$87,590.05 (Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Dollars and Five Cents). Kinloch's bid was for \$88,699.99 (Eighty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents).

Council Member Villa made the motion to purchase the sewer machine from Texas Municipal Equipment in the amount of \$87,590.05 (Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Dollars and Five Cents). Council Member Fulton seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to hire Eckert & Company CPA for the 2024-2025 Audit. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion approve 2025-2026 Proposed Budget and Ordinance adopting the Budget for FY 2025-2026. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to adopt the Voter Approval Tax Rate of \$1.003178. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to have a Public Hearing on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for 2025-2026 Proposed Tax Rate. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Mayor Poteet read Economic Development update from Economic Development Director, Jaque Alcalá. Several emails have been sent to the following businesses: Yum, KFC, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Rosas, etc. Economic Development is involved in 100 (One Hundred) year celebration meetings. August meeting will be moved to September due to board availability.

Reports from Chief of Police: 104 (One Hundred Four) calls of service for the past month. Chief Morales reported multiple calls on July Fourth being reported as one call due to summary of calls being entered as 1 (One) report. Council Member Wheeler commented that a gentleman had been pulled over by an officer and proceeded to get out of the vehicle. The gentleman said unnecessary language was used and requested language stay as respectful as possible with future encounters. Council Member Wheeler also asked about the young man who committed suicide 2 (Two) years ago. Chief Morales said he was unable to discuss an ongoing investigation.

City Administrator reported: Meeting with Chamber, Museum, Event Coordinators from the Martin County Arena, Convent, and Economic Development, and Council Member Barnhill to start planning for 100 (One Hundred) year celebration. September 1st (First) Code Enforcement will have to involve licensed official to door tag residents breaking code. Demo bids for properties will be gathered for properties who were given 90 (Ninety) days and did not request extensions or make progress.

Council Member Villa made the motion to pay the July 2025 bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barnhill, and all voted for.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Sally Poteet, Mayor

ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator