

February 9, 2026

The City Council met in Public Hearing followed by Regular Session on February 9, 2026 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, and Garrett Fulton. Also, present were Chief of Police-Dustin Franco, and Finance Director-Laura Walker. Visitors: LeRoy Rodriquez, Bill and Maria Reed, and Albert Baker. Absent: Steven Villa and Gib Wheeler.

Mayor Sally Poteet opened the Public Hearing for Planning and Zoning at 7:00 p.m.

Martin County Convent Foundation: 403 E. Carpenter (SEC 14, BLK 36, Township South, ADDN.)

No public comment.

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

Public Comment: Maria Reed commented about the 100th Anniversary and Old Settles' being celebrated together and how she felt they should be separate and it could be done for a whole lot less.

A motion was made by Council Member Barnhill and seconded by Council Member Fulton that the previous minutes from January 12, 2026 regular and special and January 20, 2026, special be approved, all voted for.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion to approve the variance for Martin County Convent Foundation: 403 E. Carpenter (SEC 14, BLK 36, Township South, ADDN.) to build a building on the west property line. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, all voted for.

Mayor Sally Poteet read an update from the Economic Development Director, Jaque Alcalá. Jaque is continuing her training with Placer. She has been helping to educate businesses who have never had assistance from Economic Development. An EDC Board Member requested another appraisal of the land Economic Development owns. A publication was sent to the newspaper publication. Paige will give options for granting the land to a business.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion to grant permission to TxDOT to add construction speed zone within the city limits: IH 20 from MP: 6.571 to MP: 9.260; total length= 2.689 miles, with city limits ending at MP: 7.087. Council Member Fulton seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Fulton made the motion to adopt Information System Access Control for Separated Employees Policy. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Hernandez made the motion to approve the Order of Election to be held on May 2, 2026, for the following: Mayor, Council Members for District-1, District-2, District -3, for a two (2) year term. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barnhill, and all voted for.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement Contract for election services is made by and between Oralía Ybarra, the Martin County Election Administrator and Stanton Independent School District and the City of Stanton. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hernandez, and all voted for.

Reports from Chief of Police: Police Department is fully staffed. All officers have completed their field training. Chief reported 103 (One Hundred Three) calls for service for the month of January.

City Administrator reported: TCEQ is requiring a fence at the landfill, bids are between \$8,000 (Eight Thousand Dollars) and \$10,500 (Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars). TML Region 4 (Four) Meeting is in Kermit on February 20th, please confirm if you would like to attend. Spoke with post master, once HVAC is going, will visit about home deliveries. Has also contacted Congressman regarding the post office. The city has worked 8 (Eight) leaks since the freeze 2 (Two) weeks ago. That's why there has been dirty water. Water plant also acted up during this time frame and needed reprogramming. Discussed possible adjustments to hours of operations for employees to allow the city to close early on Fridays.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion to pay the January 2026 bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fulton, and all voted for.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Sally Poteet, Mayor

ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator