

March 9, 2026

The City Council met in Regular Session on March 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, Steven Villa, and Gib Wheeler. Also, present were Chief of Police-Dustin Franco, Finance Director-Laura Walker, and EDC Director-Jaque Alcalá. Visitors: Commissioner-Kenny Stewart, Megan Solsbery, LeRoy Rodriguez, James Jenkins, Marty Graham, Kim and Lester Baker, Elizabeth Loyd, Bailie Woods, Commissioner-Brian Snellgrove, Vanessa Montez, and Harrison Poitevint. Absent: Garrett Fulton.

Mayor Sally Poteet opened Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: Gib Wheeler thanked the local and county officials for running, serving, and being present.

A motion was made by Council Member Barnhill and seconded by Council Member Hernandez that the previous minutes from February 9, 2026 be approved, all voted for.

Megan Solsbery from Eckert and Company presented the 2024-2025 Audit.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to accept the 2024-2025 Audit. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Commissioner Brian Snellgrove spoke about continuing the discussion on animal control with the help of the Martin County Animal Advocates to help control and re-home the animal population. The advocates want help with building a new shelter and managing it. The advocates could enlist the help of a vet to help with spay and neuter programs. The county wants to help with the building. The city is being asked to help with personnel. City Manager Jessie Montez commented that there are currently 2 (Two) interlocal agreements being worked on between the city and county where the city is operating the facility. Mayor Sally Poteet volunteered to call around to surrounding areas to determine how they operate animal control facilities that are shared between the city and the county.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to cancel the May 2, 2026 City Election due to “Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected” and adopt an ordinance cancelling the election. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to approve Resolution for Atmos Energy. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to reappoint Sally Poteet to the Economic Development Board for 2 (Two) year term. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Economic Development Director, Jaque Alcalá, reported the EDC had a meeting today. The EDC Board approved an updated application. The EDC Board granted Amanda Lopez with Buffalo Bakery & Café \$18,535.00 (Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars) for equipment café. The EDC Board denied the application submitted by Eric Coronado and Jacob Wiebe. No action taken on Precision Plaza.

Council Member Villa made the motion to approve Economic Development’s grant to Amanda Lopez of Buffalo Bakery & Café for the amount of \$18,535.00 (Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars). Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion. All voted for.

Reports from Chief of Police: 95 (Ninety-Five) calls for service. The past month was busy with an armed robbery at Stripes parking lot. Both suspects have been arrested. Another assault with a deadly weapon, both suspects have been arrested. There was a family violence arrest. There were also 3 (Three) masked robbers last week stealing from a residence. 2 (Two) suspects have been arrested and the identity of the third is known, working on a warrant. Council Member Wheeler commented on the animosity between the police department and the sheriff’s department and stressed that everyone need to try to get along.

City Administrator reported: TxDOT is going to have I20 under construction and will be replacing the overpass at HWY 137. They requested the city move the raw waterline; this isn’t an option. Chamber Banquet is March 23rd. Land for new landfill to close on April 15th and we are waiting for the interlocal agreement to be drawn up by the attorney. O’Reilly Auto Parts has purchased land and is looking to build a location in Stanton. Conversations with Longfellow with the post office have determined there will need to be residential units placed for mail delivery. The units will need to be paid for by the public and then post office will maintain it without rental fees.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion, as of April 6, 2026, to change the hours of operation for City of Stanton to Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fridays schedule will change when the 10th (Tenth) of the month falls on Friday and the water department will remain open until 5:00 p.m. for customers to pay utility bills. Council Member Villa seconded the motion. All voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to pay the February 2026 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 Hernandez seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Sally Poteet, Mayor

ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator