

July 13, 2026

The City Council met in Public Hearing followed by Regular Session on July 13, 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, Steven Villa, and Shawna Barnhill. Also, present were Chief of Police-Dustin Franco, Finance Director-Laura Walker, and EDC Director-Jaque Alcala. Visitors: Albert Garza, Bill Reed, James Jenkins, Leah Flanagan, Pete Avalos, Leroy Rodriguez, Melissa Rios, Michelle Chapa, Herimia Gonzalez, Ed DeArmond, and Elizabeth Loyd. Absent: Garrett Fulton, and Gib Wheeler.

Mayor Sally Poteet opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Devry Kidd: 605 N. Gray, Lot 2 BLK 4, Belvue ADDN (Zoning)

Michelle Chapa: 501 N. Burleson, LT 7, BLK 4 Ridgelea ADDN (Condemn)

435 LLC: 507 N. College, LT 4, BLK 5, Ridgelea ADDN (Condemn)

Rosa George: 509 W. 2nd, LT 1 BLK 4, Park ADDN (Condemn)

Gladys Crow EST % Danny Crow: 1100 W. Carpenter, LT 7, BLK 3 Ridgelea ADDN (Condemn)

Elva Ybarra: 504 W. Front, LT 8-10, BLK 36, OT ADDN (Condemn)

Anita Sanchez: 210 S. St. Mary, LT 3-6, BLK 63, OT ADDN (Condemn)

Jose Juarez: 508 S. Beaugard, LT 5-6, BLK A, East ADDN (Condemn)

Public Comments: None.

Mayor Poteet closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular Session at 7:04 p.m.

Public Comments: Leah Flanagan commented in the last 2.5 (Two and a Half) years multiple condemned structures are still standing. She realizes there may be an issue on budgeting for condemnations and encouraged the council knockdown formerly condemned structures before moving on and condemning more structures.

A motion was made by Council Member Barnhill and seconded by Council Member Villa that the previous minutes from June 8, 2026 be approved, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to grant Devry Kidd: 605 N. Gray, Lot 2 BLK 4, Belvue ADDN a variance to build a carport within the 25' (Twenty-Five Feet) of required front yard. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion. All voted for.

Michelle Chapa commented she believes the structure is salvageable. She is requesting more time to look into a plan for the property.

Council Member Villa made the motion to postpone condemning Michelle Chapa: 501 N. Burleson, LT 7, BLK 4 Ridgelea ADDN, to allow more time to find a plan for the property. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to condemn 435 LLC: 507 N. College, LT 4, BLK 5, Ridgelea ADDN. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Herminia George commented she understands the structure needs repairs and the family is working on getting the car taken out of the yard. They're looking for help with the trees. They're trying to salvage the home for the kids. They are requesting more time to get it cleaned up and repaired.

Council Member Villa made the motion to postpone condemning Rosa George: 509 W. 2nd, LT 1 BLK 4, Park ADDN, to allow more time to find a plan for the property. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to condemn Gladys Crow EST % Danny Crow: 1100 W. Carpenter, LT 7, BLK 3 Ridgelea ADDN. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Ed DeArmond commented that he purchased the structure. He requested to be given time to get the structure moved from the property. He will be repairing the structure. He will have the structure moved in 30 (Thirty) days.

Council Member Villa made the motion to postpone condemning Elva Ybarra: 504 W. Front, LT 8-10, BLK 36, OT ADDN, to allow more time to find a plan for the property. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Pete Avalos commented that he understands and respects the city council and appreciates the willingness of the city to work with them and is committed to resolving the issue. He needs more time to clean out the structure. He requested the council strike this property from being condemned and the family will take care of tearing it down.

Council Member Villa made the motion to strike Anita Sanchez: 210 S. St. Mary, LT 3-6, BLK 63, OT ADDN from condemnation, the family is in the process of taking care of cleaning out the structure and will tear it down. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to remove Jose Juarez: 508 S. Beaugard, LT 5-6, BLK A, East ADDN, they have already torn down the structure. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Mayor Poteet read the first reading for postponed item for Economic Development item: Topnotch Construction LLC for grant for \$416,125.00 (Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars).

Council Member Barnhill made the motion for postponed Economic Development item: to forgive grant to Cristina's Restaurant after meeting contractual agreement. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion for postponed Economic Development item: Brandi Haykus Rockin' H Meat Shop LLC/Thirsty Bird Boutique for grant for \$8,025.00 (Eight Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars) for racks, modifications, and signs. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion. All voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to approve Economic Development Project: Matt Turney-T5 Taxidermy and Processing for \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for purchase of new refrigeration storage. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to approve Economic Development Project: Elizabeth Loyd-Pizza Marie for \$36,926.82 (Thirty-Six Thousand Nine-Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents) for option 3 labeled: Ideal Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion. All voted for.

Mayor Poteet read the Resolution First Reading for Brandi Haykus Rockin' H Shop LLC/Thirst Bird Boutique for \$8,025.00 (Eight Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars).

Albert Garza spoke about the need for speed bumps at 1110 E. St. Anna due to increased traffic for the Martin County Complex. He has witnessed people speeding and being distracted on cell phones. He is concerned about the possibility of accidents in the future and believes the problem will only get worse as more events take place at the new complex.

Council Member Villa made the motion to postpone Item 7: Request made by Albert Garza to place speed bumps at 1110 E. St Anna. The Council would like to see different options due to the city being liable for any damage incurred by speed bumps. Options would include, new stop sign, possibly with flashing lights, new speed limit signs, and rumble strips. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Laura Walker presented the 2nd (Second) Quarter Financial Report.

Council Member Villa made the motion to approve the 2nd (Second) Quarter Financial Report. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to approve Resolution for the 2026 Water Conservation Plan. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to approve Texas Water Development Board's Application Resolution of Certificate of Secretary. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to approve Texas Water Development Board's Application filing and Authorized Representative Resolution. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Hernandez made the motion to submit name of qualified person, Council Member Steven Villa, to be placed on the ballot for TX Health Benefits Pool Board of Trustees for Region 4 (Four). Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion. Council Member Villa abstained.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion to send Council Members, and their spouses to 2026 TML Conference in San Antonio, November 11-13, 2026. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. All voted for.

City Manager, Jessie Montez, presented the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget.

Council Member Villa made the motion to accept the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. All voted for.

Reports from Chief of Police reported: 69 (Sixty-Nine) calls for service in the month of June. There were 2 (Two) injuries to a child calls. Chief reported no issues with the Centennial this past weekend. Officer Gonzales has been released and is back to full duty.

City Manager, Jessie Montez, reported: Seal coat project was completed, there was an incident where the contractor had overspray go

all over a vehicle. Contractor came back and cleaned the truck. There were some excess funds leftover from seal coat project. Jessie will be working on bids to have 6 blocks chip sealed on the south side. There will be future water projects with the construction of the new middle school and the hospital.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion to pay the June 2026 bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Villa, 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 8:17 p.m.

Sally Poteet, Mayor

ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator