



City of Hawkins
City Council Minutes
February 18, 2025



On this day February 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm, Mayor Debbie Rushing called a Regular City Council Meeting to order with council members Greg Branson, Eric Maloy, Eleta Taylor, and Meredith Hancock. Councilmember Clara Kay was not present. The department heads were Norma Hallmark, Mike Maberry, Ty Musick, Mandy Thomas, and Judge Mitch Henderson.

Jeff Karlson gave the invocation.

Mayor Deb Rushing led U.S. Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve building permit 279 Ruth St for a 14'X40' building. Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve building permit 280 S. Beulah St. add addition to building. Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Meredith Hancock made a motion to approve of the Ordering of the Election for Alderman Place 2, Alderman Place 4, and Alderman Place 5 to be held on May 3, 2025. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to approve of the Notice of Election to be held on May 3, 2025; Seconded by Councilmember Eric Maloy. The motion carried.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to approve of the Interlocal Agreement with Hawkins I.S.D. to administer the election to be held on May 3, 2025. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Meredith Hancock made a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2025, the Special City Council Meeting, and January 21, 2025, City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Greg Branson. The motion carried.

Councilmember Meredith Hancock made a motion to approve the Financial Reports; Seconded by Councilmember Greg Branson. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the Departmental Monthly Reports. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve KSA Engineering Services on Highway 80 Lift Station Replacement Project; Seconded by Councilmember Meredith Hancock.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve publishing an ad for bids on the City of Hawkins garbage services. Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to accept applications for Utility Clerk.



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Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve of transferring from Hawkins Community Development Corporation to the City of Hawkins for Community projects in the amount of \$310,893.44; Seconded by Meredith Hancock. Councilmember Greg Branson abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve re-evaluating firefighter reimbursement. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the Fire Department to look into becoming an Emergency Services District. Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

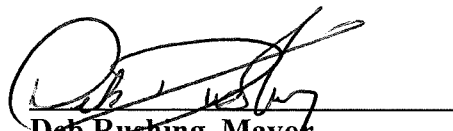
Discuss and vote on Hawkins Police Officers that were not employed appropriately by Hawkins City Council per City of Hawkins Ordinance Chapter 32.03. No vote required because of City of Hawkins Ordinance Chapter 32.03 Method of Selection of Police Officers.

Councilmember Meredith Hancock made a motion to take no action to appoint David Dodd as Interim City Attorney, Effectively Immediately. Councilmember Eric Maloy second the motion. The motion carried.

Discuss and vote on appointing Eric Tuma as Interim Police Chief, Effectively Immediately. No vote required because of City of Hawkins Ordinance Chapter 32.03 Method of Selection of Police Chief.

Mayor Deb Rushing let the citizens comment on the agenda items.

Councilmember Meredith Hancock made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Greg Branson. The motion passed.


Deb Rushing, Mayor
5-19-2025

Attest:


Mandy Thomas, City Secretary