



City of Hawkins
City Council Minutes
June 16, 2025



On this day June 16, 2025, at 6:07 pm, Mayor Debbie Rushing called a Regular City Council Meeting to order with council members Jacque Burns, Eric Maloy, Dan Spence, Mick Medlin and Meredith Hancock. The department heads present were Norma Hallmark, Mike Maberry and Judge Mitch Henderson. Ty Musick and Mandy Thomas were not present.

Mayor Deb Rushing gave a moment of silence.

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

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to terminate utility worker Ronnie Hays for job abandonment, effective immediately. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve the implementation of immediate termination of LT. Eric Tuma on the grounds of 1) Dereliction of Sworn Duties, and 2) Abandonment of Post. Councilmember Mick Medlin seconded the motion. Councilmembers Dan Spence, Mick Medlin, and Meredith Hancock voted for the motion. Councilmembers Eric Maloy and Jacque Burns voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2025, City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Dan Spence. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the Departmental Monthly Reports for May 2025. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve the Financial Reports for May 2025; Seconded by Councilmember Meredith Hancock. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve hiring Julie Himel as a utility clerk. Councilmember Mick Medlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to extend the contract with Republic Services for 5 years; Seconded by Councilmember Mick Medlin. Councilmembers Dan Spence, Mick Medlin, and Meredith Hancock voted for the motion. Councilmembers Eric Maloy and Jacque Burns voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to hire Sharon Griffin to clean community center 2 times a month for \$150, Seconded by Councilmember Eric Maloy. The motion passed.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve to adopt a resolution authorizing signatory for the City's CDBG grants; Seconded by Councilmember Eric Maloy. The motion passed.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve Amending Resolution 2025-06-16 for age 65 years old and disabled person tax freeze. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion passed.



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Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve of Resolution 2025-0616 to calculate the No-New Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter Approval Tax Rate; Seconded by Meredith Hancock. Councilmembers Dan Spence, Jacque Burns, Mick Medlin and Meredith Hancock voted for the motion. Councilmember Eric Maloy voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve of hiring Larry Hassell for part-time employment with pay at the current rate; Seconded by Councilmember Dan Spence. The motion passed.

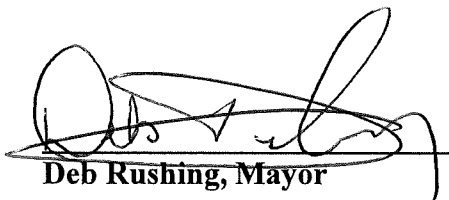
Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve of hiring Cindy Douthitt for part-time employment with pay at the current rate; Seconded by Councilmember Meredith Hancock. The motion passed.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve the amending Section 32.03 of the City of Hawkins Code of Ordinances concerning "Method and Selection of Police Officers." Councilmember Mick Medlin seconded the motion. Councilmembers Dan Spence, Mick Medlin, and Meredith Hancock voted for the motion. Councilmember Eric Maloy voted against the motion. Councilmember Jacque Burns abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to amend the "Appeal and Grievances" Sections of the City of Hawkins Revised Personnel Policy Manual; Seconded by Councilmember Mick Medlin. Councilmembers Dan Spence, Mick Medlin, and Meredith Hancock voted for the motion. Councilmembers Eric Maloy and Jacque Burns voted against the motion. The motion passed.

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

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Eric Maloy. The motion passed.


Deb Rushing, Mayor

Attest:


Mandy Thomas, City Secretary