



City of Hawkins

City Council Minutes

August 17, 2026

On August 17, 2026, at 6:00 pm, Mayor Kayla Ross called a Regular City Council Meeting to order with council members Norma Oglesby, Dan Spence, James Dacus, Mick Medlin and Meredith Hancock. The department heads present were Norma Hallmark and Mandy Thomas. Mike Maberry and Ty Musick were not present.

Citizen Jeff Karlson gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge was led by Mayor Kayla Ross.

The citizens commented on the agenda items.

Councilmember Norma Oglesby made a motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2026, City Council Meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Mick Medlin. The motion passed.

Councilmember James Dacus made a motion to approve the minutes from July 30, 2026, Budget and Tax Rate Workshop. Councilmember Mick Medlin second the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve the Financial Reports for July 2026. Councilmember Norma Oglesby seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Norma Oglesby made a motion to approve the Departmental Monthly Reports for July 2026, Seconded by Councilmember Mick Medlin. The motion passed.

Councilmember Norma Oglesby made a motion to approve the mobile home permit for 127 Harris Street. Councilmember Dan Spence second the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve the ratification of the proposed tax rate of \$ 0.9556 per \$100 for fiscal year 2026-2027(called vote; final vote on adoption of the tax rate will be on September 17, 2026). Councilmember James Dacus seconded the motion. Mayor Kayla Ross called for a vote as follows: Councilmember Norma Oglesby voted yes to approve the ratification of the proposed tax rate. Councilmember Mick Medlin voted yes to approve the ratification of the proposed tax rate. Councilmember Meredith Hancock voted yes to approve the ratification of the proposed tax rate. Councilmember James Dacus voted yes to approve the ratification of the proposed tax rate. Councilmember Dan Spence voted yes to approve the ratification of the proposed tax rate. The motion passed.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve the Interlocal Corporation Contact between the Department of Public Safety and the City of Hawkins Municipal Court of Wood County are contracting under



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the authority of Texas Government Code Chapter 79(the Interlocal Corporation Act). Councilmember Norma Oglesby seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve the financial audit for fiscal year 2025-2026. Councilmember Norma Oglesby seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Norma Oglesby made a motion to approve the hiring of Randle Law Office to represent the City of Hawkins Attorney; Seconded by Councilmember Meredith Hancock. The motion passed.

Mayor Kayla Ross introduced the police chief candidates: Daniel Ramsey and Felipe Lopez.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve appointing John Dunn for Hawkins Community Development Corporation Board; seconded by Councilmember Norma Oglesby. The motion passed.

Councilmember Dan Spence made a motion to approve appointing Kevin Gattis for Hawkins Community Development Corporation Board; seconded by Councilmember Norma Oglesby. The motion passed.

Councilmember Norma Oglesby made a motion to approve appointing Meredith Hancock for Hawkins Community Development Corporation Board; seconded by Councilmember James Dacus. Councilmembers Norma Oglesby, James Dacus, Dan Spence, and Mick Medlin voted for the motion. Councilmember Meredith Hancock abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Councilmember Norma Oglesby made a motion to approve appointing Shrona Harguess for Hawkins Community Development Corporation Board; seconded by Councilmember Dan Spence. Councilmembers Norma Oglesby, James Dacus, Dan Spence and Meredith Hancock voted for the motion. Councilmember Mick Medlin voted against the motion. The motion passed.

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


Kayla Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Mandy Thomas, City Secretary