

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Mayor Lynn Clark

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Kenney

Councilmember Randy Gibbons

Councilmember Nick Wohr

Councilmember Chris Gordon

Councilmember Ian Theodore

Also in attendance:

John M. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary

Carey Dunn, Chief of Police

Matthew C.G. Boyle, Town Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. And Texas Flags

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Invocation

Councilmember Theodore gave the invocation.

Items of Community Interest

There were no items of community interest.

Public Comment

Ron Furtick, 1500 Turbeville Road, addressed the council regarding the Town's handling of permits and enforcement related to a sewer connection and septic system. He stated his plans for a sewer connection were delayed for nearly a year before approval and he received fines during that time. He further stated that he recently attempted to obtain a building permit to connect an existing septic system to a new sewer line extension but was informed that permits were not yet being issued. Mr. Furtick expressed the opinion that the Town's actions were politically motivated due to his past involvement in local elections and opposition to the current administration. He also discussed his vision for additional retail and commercial development in the Town of Hickory Creek and encouraged voters to support his mayoral campaign.

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Gloria Furtick, 1500 Turbeville Road, addressed the council regarding economic development in the Town of Hickory Creek. She stated that she believes the Town would benefit from additional retail and commercial development, including jobs, restaurants, and shopping opportunities. She also commented on the ongoing legal dispute involving her husband and expressed concern about the Town's enforcement actions and fines related to sewer connection requirements. Mrs. Furtick stated that her husband has advocated for development in the Town for many years and is running for mayor in the upcoming election.

Danielle McCurdy, 3031 Maynard Road, addressed the council regarding the former Olana Equestrian Center recently acquired by the Town of Hickory Creek. She requested that the Town consider maintaining the equestrian component of the property as it evaluates future uses. Ms. McCurdy stated that equestrian programs provide educational and recreational benefits for children and adults, including therapeutic benefits for individuals with special needs, and contribute to community engagement. She suggested that the Town could consider partnerships or lease arrangements with private instructors to continue equestrian activities while limiting the Town's operational responsibilities.

Ruby McCurdy, 3031 Maynard Road, addressed the council regarding the former Olana Equestrian Center. She shared her experiences visiting and riding horses at the barn and expressed how meaningful it has been to her and her brother. Ruby asked the council to consider keeping the horses and equestrian activities at the facility so other children in the community can enjoy them as well.

John Grosskopf, 131 Oakwood Lane, addressed the council regarding public records and transparency. He requested a date-stamped receipt for a prior submission and expressed concern that his inquiries about the Observatory project have not been directly addressed by the council. Mr. Grosskopf also commented on the Town Attorney's response, noting that it did not provide the information he requested and raised concerns about compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. He stated that he and other residents will continue to monitor these matters and expect a higher standard of transparency.

Informational Item

1. Update and discussion regarding Town of Hickory Creek v. Ronald Furtick

Matthew Boyle, Town Attorney, provided an update of the Town of Hickory Creek v. Ronald Furtick.

Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory and will be enacted with one motion. No separate discussion of these items will occur unless so requested by at least one member of the Town Council.

2. January 2026 Council Meeting Minutes
3. January 2026 Financial Statements

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4. Consider and act on authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas to execute an agreement between the Town of Hickory Creek and the Denton County Elections Administrator concerning election administration services.
5. Consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, to execute a concessionaire agreement by and between the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas and DFW Boat Charters and Rentals.
6. Consider and act on authorizing the Town Manager of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas to execute a contract for depository services.

Mayor Pro Tem Kenney requested item 6 be pulled from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Motion made by Councilmember Gordon to approve consent agenda items 2-5, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember Wohr, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed unanimously.

John Smith, Town Manager, provided information regarding the contract for depository services and answered questions from the Town Council.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney to approve consent agenda item 6, Seconded by Councilmember Theodore.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember Wohr, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

7. Consider and act on a site and landscape plan for the 104 Carlisle - Hickory Creek Addition, Lot 1, Block A, being 3.164 acres of land situated in the Lowry Cobb Survey, Abstract No. 284, Town of Hickory Creek, Denton County, Texas. The property is located in the 700 block of S Lake Dallas Drive.

John Smith, Town Manager, and Paul Bosco, Jr., Landowner, answered questions from the Town Council regarding the site and landscape plan.

Motion made by Councilmember Gordon to approve a site and landscape plan for the 104 Carlisle – Hickory Creek, the property is located is the 700 block of S Lake Dallas Drive, Seconded by Councilmember Wohr.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Wohr, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Theodore.

Voting Nay: Councilmember Gibbons Motion passed.

8. Interview, consider and act on an appointment to the Arts and Culture Board.

The Town Council interviewed Steffi Arnaudova, Brandi Bollack, and Gabrielle Smith for the Arts and Culture Board.

Motion made by Councilmember Theodore to appoint Brandi Bollack to the Arts and Culture Board for a term expiring in June 2026, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember Wohr, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Presentation from Dunaway Associates regarding professional consulting services for 1930 Turbeville Road.

Elizabeth McIlrath Jarrell, Project Director, and Ashley Lewis, Project Manager, Dunaway Planning & Landscape Architecture, provided an overview of the site master planning process and answered questions from the Town Council.

10. Consider and act on quotes from Mobile Communications America to install video surveillance systems in Arrowhead Park, Sycamore Bend Park and the Public Works Facility.

John Smith, Town Manager, and Jim Zehetner, Criminal Investigator, answered questions from the Town Council regarding the video surveillance system quotes.

Motion made by Councilmember Gibbons to approve the agenda item not to exceed \$66,000.00, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember Wohr, Councilmember Gordon. Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Theodore Motion passed.

11. Consider and act on a quote from Curtco Inc. to crack seal streets within Harbor Grove Estates.

John Smith, Town Manager, provided an overview of the quote from Curtco Inc. and answered questions from the Town Council.

Motion made by Councilmember Wohr to approve a quote from Curtco Inc. to crack seal streets within Harbor Grove Estates in an amount not to exceed \$85,500.00, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember Wohr, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion regarding ResponsiveEd playground equipment located on Town property.

Discussion was held regarding the ResponsiveEd playground equipment located on Town property.

Executive Session

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 551, the Town Council convened into executive session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss the following matters.

Section 551.071

Consultation with attorney on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act, or on matters pertaining to pending or contemplated litigation.

13. Town of Hickory Creek, Texas v. Ronald Furtick, Ecclesiastical Equity, LP, and 1500 Turbeville Road, Hickory Creek, Texas, 75065.

Reconvene into Open Session

The Town Council reconvened into open session at 8:45 p.m.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding matters discussed in executive session.

No action taken.

Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested: update on observatory, C1 zoning ordinance, update on Oakland Park, update on leisure center and naming facilities.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Kenney to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Councilmember Wohr.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Gibbons, Councilmember Wohr, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Theodore. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Lynn C. Clark, Mayor
Town of Hickory Creek

Kristi K. Rogers, Town Secretary
Town of Hickory Creek