



CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 9, 2026 MINUTES

City Hall, 120 El Chico Trl., Suite A, Willow Park, TX 76087

Tuesday, June 09, 2026 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Teresa Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and determined a quorum was present.

Those in attendance were:

PRESENT

Mayor Teresa Palmer
Councilmember Eric Contreras
Councilmember Chawn Gilliland
Councilmember Scott Smith
Councilmember Nathan Crummel

ABSENT

Councilmember Buddy Wright

STAFF PRESENT:

Interim City Manager - Toni Fisher

City Secretary - Deana McMullen

City Attorney - Judy El Masri, sitting in for Andy Messer

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE: Mark Winkler Executive Pastor with Trinity Bible Church will give Invocation.

Executive Pastor Mark Winkler with Trinity Bible Church was present to give the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

1. Mayor Comments: 1) Bible Verse 2) Business Recognition

Mayor Palmer read a Bible Verse: Mayor Palmer recognized the following Businesses: Mayor Palmer did not do a recognition of any business at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to five minutes per person)

To address the City Council, residents must complete a speaker form and turn it in to the City Secretary at least five (5) minutes before the start of the meeting. The Rules of Procedure state that all comments are to be limited to five (5) minutes for each speaker provided that there are no more than ten (10) speakers. If there are more than ten (10) speakers, the Mayor and/or the City Council may reduce the applicable time limits to speak to three (3) minutes. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. The Council may: (1) make a statement of fact regarding the item; (2) make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item; (3) propose the item be placed on a future agenda (Tex. Govt. Code §551.042). Each speaker shall approach the podium or designated speaker location and state his/her name and address before speaking. Speakers shall address the City Council with civility that is conducive to appropriate public discussion. Speakers may only address the City Council and not individual officials, commission members, committee members, or employees. The public cannot speak from the gallery, but only from the podium or designated speaker location.

The following were present to give Public Comments:

Lee Miller

Bill Green

Patty

Tandy Blackstock

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered routine or "housekeeping" by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Council Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence. Approval of the Consent Agenda authorizes the City Manager to implement each item in accordance with staff recommendation.

2. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2026

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2026 as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

3. **Discussion/Action: Authorize Consultants HUB International to seek competitive proposals for Employee Health/Dental/Vision/Life and Short-Term Disability for the new fiscal year.**

Motion was made to authorize consultants HUB International to seek competitive proposals for employee Health/Dental/Vision/Life and Short-Term Disability for the new fiscal year.

Motion was made by Councilmember Contreras, seconded by Councilmember Gilliland. Motion carried with four votes in approval and zero votes opposed.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. **Discussion: Presentation from Jessica Brown of Freese & Nichols regarding Parker County Public Utility Agency.** *(Interim City Manager Toni Fisher)*

Mr. Andrew Franco with Freese & Nichols was present to give a presentation to the Council regarding the Parker County Public Utility Agency and Water Supply Initiative. Mr. Franco was explaining to the Council what the function and cost is to join the Parker County Utility Agency. Parker County has double the amount of Ground Water Wells in the area and these wells have to be drilled deeper to get to the aquifer and they are getting less water out than before. Because of the growth in the area it shows signs that we will no longer sustain the ability to get water and could face water shortages each year.

The Parker County Utility Agency can be joined by passing an ordinance and an Interlocal Agreement. The Goal of the Initiative is to develop a solution and address a short term and long term water needs for Parker County. Regional Collaboration to Consider would be water supply challenges in the area, cost and funding challenges and economic development impacts. This Agency would not be a taxing authority and the more entities that join would possibly allow for more Federal Funding for the members from the Texas Water Development Board. Per an ordinance that would have to be passed by council each entity would have board members that would have 4 year terms with no term limits and the ILA User/Agreement would allow for 5 year terms. Why join the PUA - It would give you a say in Countywide issue. The cost for Willow Park would be \$20,000 annually based on population. Mr. Franco answered questions from the Mayor and Council. There was no action on this item at this time.

5. **Discussion: Presentation regarding Contract with Waste Management dba Republic Services LLC** *(Interim City Managers Toni Fisher & Michelle Guelker)*

There was a presentation by Hudson Oaks City Manager Sterling Naron giving the background of how the joint contract with Waste Management dba Republic Service came to be. Jerri Harwell with Republic Waste was also present to answer questions of the City Council.

Mayor Palmer asked the question as to why citizens had to rent the trash carts. Ms. Harwell explained that Republic Waste was responsible for the carts, If they lose a lid, a wheel is broken etc... Republic will bring a new cart out to the citizen. It is mainly for maintenance and the trucks have to use the company carts, because not every cart can be picked up by the automated arms.

No action was taken on this item.

6. Discussion/Action: to consider approval of Resolution 2026-27 regarding Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan (*City Engineer Gretchen Vasquez; Interim City Manager Toni Fisher*)

Motion was made to approve Resolution 2026-27 regarding Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Crummel.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

7. Discussion/Action: to approve Budget Calendar for FY 2026-2027 Annual Budget. (*Interim City Manager Michelle Guelker*)

Interim City Manager Michelle Guelker addressed the Council in reference to the proposed budget calendar for adoption for the FY 2026-2027 budget. Council needs to decide how they wish to do the budget worksessions moving forward for the adoption of the budget. Important dates to keep in mind are Holding the Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing on August 28, 2026 and Adoption of the Budget on September 8, 2026. We must have 4 of the 5 City Councilmembers in attendance to vote for the Budget and Tax Rate. The Mayor does not constitute a quorum to meet this requirement.

Motion was made to hold a Budget Worksession on Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to discuss the FY 2026-27 Budget.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Gilliland.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

8. Discussion/Action: to approve Public Works Department's surplus items for auction. (*Public Works Director Chase McBride; Interim City Manager Michelle Guelker*)

Public Works Director Chase McBride asked the council to consider approving the Public Works Department's Surplus for Auction as these are items that have been sitting for several years and are not going to be used.

Motion was made to approve the items submitted as Surplus for Auction from the Public Works Department as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

9. Discussion/Action: to approve the donation of a Willow Park Police Department patrol car to Aledo Independent School District Police Department. *(Interim Police Chief Quincy Hamilton; Interim City Manager Toni Fisher)*

Interim Police Chief Quincy Hamilton asked the Council to consider approving a donation of a Willow Park Police Department Patrol car to Aledo Independent School District Police Department. Interim Chief Hamilton stated that the vehicle in question was one that needs more in repairs than the vehicle is worth. City Attorney Judy El Masri said that council will have to declare it as salvage and then approve for it to be donated if that is what they wish.

Motion was made to declare the vehicle as salvage and authorize the Police Department to donate the vehicle to the AISD as discussed.

Motion made by Councilmember Crummel, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

10. Discussion/Action: to approve software contract with GovWell Technologies, Inc. *(City Planner Chelsea Kirkland; Interim City Manager Toni Fisher)*

Motion was made to approve software contract with GovWell Technologies, Inc. for the development and building department for a three year contract and \$40,000 total cost as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Gilliland.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

11. Discussion/Action: to approve City Staff to responsibly update City Ordinances as deemed necessary. *(Councilmember Buddy Wright; Interim City Manager Toni Fisher)*

Motion was made to table this item until the next regular City Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Crummel, Seconded by Councilmember Contreras.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

12. Discussion/Action: regarding Data Centers and Flock Cameras. (Councilmember Scott Smith, Councilmember Eric Contreras)

Councilmember Scott Smith wanted to discuss the City removing Data Centers from any Ordinances, Zoning, or any other area that might make them a possibility to be allowed because we do not want Data Centers in the City of Willow Park. They have a huge water consumption as well as electricity. Interim City Manager Toni Fisher stated that the "Data Centers" are currently only allowed with a Special Use Permit "SUP" so the Planning & Zoning Commission as well as the City Council would have to approve or deny them through that process.

Councilmember Eric Contreras agreed with Councilmember Smith and also wanted to include "Flock Cameras" which are cameras that scan license plates. Councilmember Contreras asked if the city could consider an ordinance that would only allow the cameras under an "SUP" Special Use Permit, on an as needed basis and also place a time limit for their usage, for them to not be a permanent thing in the event they are approved.

Motion was made to instruct staff to create an ordinance that will restrict water usage on Data Centers and create an ordinance outlining Flock Cameras that would only be allowed by a Special Use Permit (SUP) and authorize the staff to work with the Beall property to remove Data Centers from their PD.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

13. Discussion/Action: for potential park dedication to Lea Young. (Councilmember Scott Smith, Councilmember Buddy Wright)

Motion was made to table this item until the next regular council meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Crummel, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

14. Discussion/Action: to approve an Interlocal agreement and addendum with Parker County for Street repairs and improvements in Precinct Four. (Mayor Teresa Palmer)

Mayor Teresa Palmer and Citizen Marcy Galle addressed the Council regarding an approval for an Interlocal agreement and addendum with Parker County for Street repairs and improvement in Precinct Four. There is money in the reserves, \$500,000 that we can pull out and fix the worse streets, especially in the El Chico and Laguna Vista neighborhoods. We can renew the ILA that expired in April and the addendum with Parker County tonight and get on the schedule for the repairs.

There was much discussion on this item. Interim City Manager Toni Fisher stated that staff is working with the County and also the engineers to see what streets actually need to be engineered rather than just placing asphalt on top of them. The Staff is also working on the CIP and this will include what is needed and we can get the streets on the schedule.

Motion was made that the City Manager continue the negotiations with Parker County.

Motion made by Councilmember Crummel, Seconded by Councilmember Gilliland.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

15. Discussion/Action: regarding City Employee Compensation Plan. (Mayor Teresa Palmer; Interim City Manager Toni Fisher)

Interim City Manager Toni Fisher stated that she discussed this item with the City Attorney's office and they suggested that a complete salary and compensation plan be done for all City Staff. Mayor Palmer asked the council to consider approving a \$10,000 raise for all of the Police Officers to bring them in line with departments in the surrounding area.

Motion was made to approve Interim City Manager to conduct a comprehensive salary and compensation plan for all City staff and it can be addressed during the budget discussions coming up.

Motion made by Councilmember Gilliland, Seconded by Councilmember Crummel.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

16. Update from the City Attorney and consider approval of Ordinance calling for a Special Election for November 3, 2026, for the purpose of consideration of approval of a Home Rule Charter. (City Attorney Andy Messer and Mayor Teresa Palmer)

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss this item along with all the other items listed on the Agenda.

Item#16 - Motion was made by Councilmember Eric Contreras, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Crummel to table the item in reference to the Home Rule Charter to the next regular meeting.

Motion carried with 4 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, the City Council will recess in Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

Mayor Teresa Palmer adjourned the regular city council meeting into Executive Session at 8:48 pm to discuss items listed on the Agenda.

Those present in the Executive Session were Mayor Teresa Palmer, Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Crummel, Councilmember Eric Contreras, Councilmember Chawn Gilliland, Councilmember Scott Smith, Interim City Manager Toni Fisher, Interim City Manager Michelle Guelker, City Attorney Judy El Masri, City Attorney Fritz Quast and City Attorney Aliceon Cotton.

Mayor Palmer called the meeting back to order at 8:55 pm.

Motion was made by Councilmember Scott Smith, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Crummel to exclude Mayor Palmer from the Executive Session during the discussion of Item 17, Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney; City of Aledo, Texas and City of Fort Worth, Texas v. City of Willow Park, Texas, cause number: CV26-0175 in Parker County District Court, 43rd District. Motion carried with 4 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed.

Mayor Palmer adjourned the regular meeting back into Executive Session at 9:01 pm.

- 17. Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney; City of Aledo, Texas and City of Fort Worth, Texas v. City of Willow Park, Texas, cause number: CV26-0175 in Parker County District Court, 43rd District**
- 18. Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney; City of Willow Park v. Halff & Associates**
- 19. Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney, Section 551.087, Economic Development negotiations with BPO Real Estate, LLC.**
- 20. Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters; Negotiations of employment contract for City Manager Toni Fisher.**
- 21. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; Deliberate the appointment, employment, and evaluation of a public officer or employee: Interim City Manager Michelle Guelker.**

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Regular Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Teresa Palmer reconvened the regular session of the Willow Park City Council at 11:30 pm. then asked if there were any motions for consideration from the discussions had in Executive Session.

Item#16 - Motion was made by Councilmember Eric Contreras, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Crummel to table the item in reference to the Home Rule Charter to the next regular meeting.

Motion carried with 4 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed.

Item # 17 - Motion was made by Councilmember Eric Contreras, seconded by Councilmember Scott Smith to invite the city council of Aledo to have a joint city council meeting within the next 14 days at a neutral site to seek resolution of the issues in the pending boundary dispute case, and for the city council of Aledo to publicly vote at a city council meeting to accept or reject this invitation to seek resolution.

Motion carried 4 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed.

Item # 20 - Motion was made to have the City Attorney's office to draft and revise the Contract for Toni Fisher as City Manager with the details discussed during Executive Session and have the Mayor execute the contract.

Motion made by Councilmember Crummel, Seconded by Councilmember Contreras.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS

22. City Manager Comments

Newly appointed as City Manager for Willow Park, Toni Fisher said Thank you to the Mayor and Council for having confidence in her to serve them and the Citizens of Willow Park for many years to come.

23. City Council/Mayor Comments: Response/Reaction to meeting

Councilmember Scott Smith: details for "Coffee with Council", starting June 5, 2026.

Mayor Palmer did not have any comments.

Councilmember Scott Smith stated that he and Councilmember Buddy Wright had a Coffee with a Councilmember Meeting on Friday June 5, 2026 for about an hour and had several people who showed up. Mr. Smith stated it was very good. they spent the time answer questions from Citizens. Toni Fisher and Michelle Guelker were also there. He stated he would like to continue this the First Friday of each month and the other Councilmembers could attend if their schedule allows for it as long as we do no have a quorum present.

Councilmember Eric Contreras gave a Thank You to the ESD1 for thier quick response to a pasture fire during a storm on June 2, 2026.

24. Items of Community Interest - reminder of Willow Spark Event on July 4, 2026 in the District.

Reminder of Willow Spark Event on July 4, 2026 in the District from 6-9 pm

25. Future Agenda Items requested by Mayor, City Council or City Staff

Mayor Teresa Palmer asked for a future item (Next Meeting) to review Legal Costs to date with Messer-Fort Law Firm as well as with Harris, Bentley and Fogle so that we can get a plan for Legal Fees for the budget.

No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURN

With there being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Teresa Palmer asked for a motion to adjourn this regular meeting of the Willow Park City Council.

Motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:45 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Crummel.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY WILLOW PARK CITY COUNCIL ON THE 23rd DAY OF June, 2026.



Mayor Teresa Palmer

ATTEST:



City Secretary Deana McMullen

