



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 27, 2026**

Present:

Clay Parker
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Jennifer Fischer
Gail Hoffmeister
Kelley Gerber (Absent)

Guests

Jeanne Finnigan
Larry Finnigan

City Staff:

Anita Griffith, City Secretary
James Anderson, Public Works

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum present, Mayor Clay Parker called the regular meeting of the Redwater City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026, in the Community Center at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, Texas, following the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and the Public Hearing. The invocation and pledge were led in the previous Public Hearing.

Public Comments—Open Forum

None

Reports

- (a) Mayor – Clay Parker
- (b) City Administrator / Finance Director – Clay Parker
 - **Monthly Financial Reports** – Available to review online
- (c) Public Works Leader – James Anderson

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed approving and adopting the consent agenda as follows:

- (a) **Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 23, 2026**
- (b) **Approval of accounts payable for March 2026**

The motion carried

Authorization by Council

- (a) **Discuss the replacement for City Administrator / Finance Director**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel, and a second by Councilmember Fischer, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed, to table the discussion for replacement of the City Administrator / Finance Director until the May meeting. The motion carried.

- (b) **Discuss and approve the new refuse rates from Ecowaste Solutions / Live Oak to be effective for the late May billing cycle.**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel, and a second by Councilmember Hoffmeister, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed approving the new refuse rates from Ecowaste Solutions / Live Oak. The motion carried.

- (c) **Discuss and approve new refuse rates for city customers due to the rate increase from Ecowaste Solutions / Live Oak Waste rate increase**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel, and a second by Councilmember Hoffmeister the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed raising the refuse rate for inside City limit customers by .74 cents, and raising the refuse rate for outside city customers by \$1.00 along with commercial refuse rates being raised \$1.00. The motion carried.

- (d) **Discuss and approve a set rate for Resolution No. R-26-20-72 – Temporary Suspension Policy for vacant homes and rental properties**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer and a second by Councilmember Whelchel, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed setting the rate for Resolution No. R-26-20-38 at \$30.00. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:30 pm. (Code 551.074) personnel matters

Reconvene

Council reconvened into open session at 8:22 pm.

- (a) **Discuss and approve the termination of the Utility Billing Clerk, Kollin Markham**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) and none (0) opposed in terminating Kollin Markham. The motion carried

- (b) **Discuss and approve putting Kristy Sorsby in the position of Utility Billing Clerk with the pay at \$18.00 per hour.**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer and a second by Councilmember Hoffmeister, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed, moving Kristy Sorsby to the Utility Billing Position, with her salary at \$18.00 per hour. The motion carried.

- (c) **Discuss and approve increasing Christi Redfearn's pay to \$18.00 per hour, as she will be training as Assistant City Secretary**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Council member Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed raising Christi Redfearn's salary to \$18.00 per hour as she takes on the responsibility of training for Assistant City Secretary. The motion carried.

Other Business

- (a) **Discuss and change the May Council Meeting date, due to Memorial Day.**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Hoffmeister and a second by Councilmember Coggin, The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed setting the date for the May Council meeting for Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The motion carried.

- (b) **Discussion for amending Ordinance 25-23-42, increasing certain rates; prescribing the rates to be charged for services furnished by the water and sewer system owned by the City of Redwater.**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer and a second by Councilmember Hoffmeister, the Council voted four (4) and none (0) opposed to tabling any decisions On rate changes or increases until they can review the latest fees and charges by TWU and Riverbend. The motion carried

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / FURTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Discussion concerning RIDC officers
- (b) Ask Tammy with RIDC to furnish their minutes for RIDC to Anta at City Hall, at least, two weeks Prior to the City Council meeting.

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Adjournment

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Fischer, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed adjourning the regular meeting of the Redwater City Council at 8:45 on Monday, April 27, 2026. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 18th day of May 2026



Clay Parker, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Anita Griffith, CITY SECRETARY

