



**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
May 18, 2026**

Present:

Clay Parker
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Jennifer Fischer
Gail Hoffmeister

Guests:

Bill & Jennifer Lange

City Staff:

Anita Griffith, City Secretary

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Council members present, the Special Called meeting of the Redwater City Council was called to order by Mayor Clay Parker at 6:02 pm on Monday, May 18, 2026, in the Community Center at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge led by Councilmember Paula Coggin.

Public Comments—Open Forum

Bill & Jennifer Lange addressed the Council concerning several issues.

- They feel that the public/Citizens should be notified of waterline breaks, boil advisories, and other City alerts some way other than by social media, stating that everyone does not have that access.
- Unable to get confirmation for the date and time of Council meeting, no call back to their calls.
- As taxpayers they voiced their concerns about seeing the City trucks at locations they feel are not work related.

The Council thanked the Lange's for coming to the Council meeting and advised that the mentioned issues would be addressed.

Reports

- (a) Mayor – Clay Parker
- (b) City Administrator / Finance Director –
- (c) Public Works Leader – James Anderson
Was working on a broken waterline

Consent Agenda

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 and adopting the consent agenda items as follows:

- (a) **Approval of the minutes for the Planning and Zoning Board for April 27, 2026**
- (b) **Approval of minutes for the Public Hearing for April 27, 2026**
- (c) **Approval of minutes for the regular Meeting for April 27, 2026**
- (d) **Approval of accounts payable for April 2026**
- (e) **Approval of minutes for the Public Hearing for the Canvass of votes for election held May 12, 2026**

The motion carried

Authorization by Council

- (a) **Discuss and approve hiring a City Administrator; Jackie Barnwell or Doug Martila the CFO with Zactax Virtual.**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel, and a second by Councilmember Fischer, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) Opposed hiring Zactax Virtual for \$2,500 a month. The motion carried

- (b) **Hear from Kris Duren and discuss the water and sewer needs for a proposed RV Park on six acres, West of Redwater, within the City Limits**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel, and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed, tabling any decisions until they have further information concerning the accessibility, possibly through a neighbor's property. The motion carried.

Other Business

- (a) **Review the current TWU and Riverbend water Rates to determine raising the City water rates**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer and a second by Councilmember, Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed raising the water rates would be necessary. The Residential minimum rate will be raised from

current rate of \$49.80 to \$53.80. The Commercial minimum rate will be raised from \$53.15 to \$58.15. With the step rates being raised accordingly. The motion carried.

(b) **Discussion concerning the RIDC officers**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer, and a second by Councilmember, Hoffmeister, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed tabling any discussion until next month's meeting. The motion carried

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / FUTURE BUSINESS

(a) Have names ready to submit for RIDC

Adjournment

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember, Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed, adjourning the Special Called meeting of the Redwater City Council at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026. The motion carried.

These minutes were approved on the 22nd day of June, 2026



Clay Parker, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Anita Griffith, CITY SECRETARY

