



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

Present:

Clay Parker, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Gail Hoffmeister
Jennifer Fischer

Guests:

Terry Moore Redwater Fire Chief
Kyle Delaughter, Redwater VFD
Beverly Phares, Redwater VFD
Kenneth Payne, Bowie County Historical Group

City Staff:

Loren Morphew – City Administrator
Anita Griffith, City Secretary
James Anderson – Public Works Leader

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 Parker at 06:02 pm on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, in the Community Center at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Paula Coggin.

Public Comments – Open Forum

Terry Moore, the Redwater VFD Chief, expressed concerns about existing fire hydrants that are inoperable, and asked for the status on getting the Tornado Sirens repaired or replaced. Mayor, Clay Parker, assured Mr. Moore that the City is working diligently on getting grants processed and approved for both fire hydrants and the tornado sirens.

Kevin Payne, with the Bowie County Historical Commission introduced himself to the City Council and extended his invitation to anyone on the Council and any Citizens that may be interested in joining the Historical group.

Beverly Phares asked the Council to help address deteriorated area homes by facilitating their demolition and debris removal.

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Loren explained that it may be possible for the city to qualify for a 'Community Development Block Grant' (CDBG) which would assist in demolition of properties. A recalculation of the City Census track would be necessary to see if we may qualify for a low to moderate income.

Reports

- (a) Mayor – Clay Parker
 - Informed the Council of the need to get bids to replace the shop at the plant
- (b) City Administrator – Loren Morphew
 - Report included in Agenda packet
 - Presented the Financial Report prepared by Doug at Zactax
- (c) Public Works Crew Leader – James Anderson
 - Month of July Public Works Report

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 as follows:

- (a) **Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 27, 2026**
- (b) **Approval of accounts payable for July 2026.**

The motion carried

Authorization by Council

- (a) **Approve 2026 Certified Appraisal Roll**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed approving the 2026 Certified Appraisal Roll.
The motion carried

- (b) **Discuss and adopt the Proposed Property Tax Rate for FY 2026**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed, to adopt the 2026 Property Tax Rate of 0.179562/\$100 as the Proposed Rate for 2026/2027. The motion carried.

Council voted as follows:

FOR: Councilmembers Coggin, Whelchel, Fischer, and Hoffmeister

AGAINST: None

Present and not voting: None

ABSENT: Gerber

- (c) **Discuss and approve an estimate for a new air conditioning unit for City Hall**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer, and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed in tabling a decision on the air conditioning until We check further into all options. The motion carried.

- (d) **Discuss and approve new business hours for City Hall**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Fischer the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed approving new business Hours for City Hall. The hours will be Mon. – Thur. 7:30 am until 5:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am until noon. The motion carried.

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Executive Session

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:11 pm in accordance with the Texas Government Code 551-0745: Personnel matters.

Reconvene

Council reconvened into open session at 7:50 pm.

- (a) No action taken on Executive Session

Ordinances and Resolutions

- (a) Approve Resolution No. R-26-06-16

RESOLUTION NO R-26-06-16; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF EIGHT 20 CONSULTING LLC, D/B/A ZACTAX AND OPERATING ITS FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION AS ZACFINANCE, FOR PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES; APPROVING THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND SCOP OF SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL BUDGETARY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed approving Resolution NO R-26-06-16
The motion carried.

- (b) Approve Resolution No. R-26-03-22

RESOLUTION NO R-26-03-22; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, APPOINTING LOREN MORPHEW AS CITY ADMINISTRATOR WITH OVERSIGHT OF FINANCE OPERATIONS AND ADOPTING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR, WITH APPLICABILITY TO THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGE SHOULD THE CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT BE ADOPTED UNDER CHAPTER 25, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; AUTHORIZING ITS USE IN THE APPOINTMENT, SUPERVISION, AND EVALUATION OF THAT POSITION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer, and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approving Resolution No R-26-03-22
The motion carried.

- (c) Approve Resolution No. R-26-09-18

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-09-18; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT FOR GRANT PLANNING AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES; MAKING FINDINGS REGARDING LEGAL AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Coggin and a second by Councilmember Whelchel, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed approving Resolution No. R-26-09-18. The

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motion carried.

Other Business

- (a) Discuss and approve whether to hold a fall cleanup this year.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Fischer, the Council voted four (4) against and none (0) opposed in holding the Fall cleanup this year. The Council will visit the option next year.

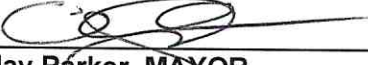
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/FUTURE BUSINESS

- (a) Issue a sign for Dragon Lane – “No 18 Wheelers Allowed”
(b) Send a second letter to the owner who owns the property East of the City Park to check interest in selling the property or maybe donating.
(c) Issue RFQ for new Bank Depositor

Adjournment

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Coggin and a second by Councilmember Whelchel, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the Special Called meeting of the Redwater City Council at 8:03 pm. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. The motion carried.

These minutes were approved on the 17th day of September 2026.



Clay Parker, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Anita Griffith, CITY SECRETARY

