CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
September 17, 2026

Present:

Clay Parker, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Kelly Gerber
Jennifer Fischer

Guests:

Doug Rochelle
Laura Mangum

City Staff:

Loren Morphew, City Administrator
Anita Griffith, City Secretary
Kristy Sorsby, Utility Billing

Call to Order

Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Clay Parker at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 17, 2026, in the Community Center at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX.

Public Hearing Agenda Item

1. Public Comments/questions regarding proposed FY 2026/2027 Budget
   No Comments

Adjourn—6:05 pm

These minutes approved on the 15th day of October 2026

CLAY PARKER, CITY MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANITA GRIFFITH, CITY SECRETARY

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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 06:05 pm following the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 17, 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

Doug Rochelle visited with the Council concerning his current water bill. He doesn't feel that he has used as much water as he was billed for. It was explained to Mr. Rochelle that recently, new meters have been installed in different areas, and his was included with a new meter. Older meters do not calculate accurately, and they are normally on the low side. The Council advised Mr. Rochelle to watch his meter readings and check them daily. If he sees inconsistencies to come back and let the Council know next month.

Reports

(a) Mayor – Clay Parker

- Shared with the Council that according to Jeremy Buechter with SPI, the City of Redwater is number 4 in the state for the $8 million grant. A loan of 30% would be required by the City, and the grant would cover 70%.
- We are still waiting to hear on the Siren grants
- Explained and discussed the tree service quotes
- A/C mini splits would not be considered by any contractors

(b) City Administrator/Finance Director – Loren Morphew

Information provided in the Agenda packet sent to the Council.

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Consent Agenda

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 approve and adopt the consent agenda as follows.

(a) **Approval of the minutes for the Special Called meeting held on August 18, 2026**
(b) Approval of the accounts payable for August 2026

The motion carried.

Authorization by Council

(a) **Discuss and approve Tree Service Estimates**
Tabled to gather more information

(b) **Discuss and approve Riverbend quotes for Bradford Tank part replacements**
Clay had already approved; the parts were needed.

(c) **Discuss and approve Flood & Earthquake Insurance Coverage for Real and Personal Property Interlocal Agreement and Cost Estimate**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer and a second by Councilmember Gerber, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

(d) **Ratify the property tax increase of $9,671 reflected in the proposed budget for FY 2026**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer, and a second by Councilmember Gerber, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to ratify the property tax increase of $9,671 reflected in the proposed budget for 2026/2026. The motion carried.

Ordinances and Resolutions

(a) Approve Ordinance No. 26-20-38

ORDINANCE NO. 26-20-38: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, LEVYING AND ADOPTING THE RATE ON $100 VALUATIN OF PROPERTY FOR THIS CITY FOR TAX RATE YEAR 2026

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer, and a second by Councilmember Gerber, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The property tax rate be increased by the adoption Of a tax rate of $0.198056/$100, which is effectively a 11.35 percent increase in the tax rate**. The** motion carried**.**

The Council voted on the adoption of the tax rate as follows:

FOR: Councilmembers Whelchel, Coggin, Gerber, and Fischer
AGAINST: None
PRESENT: and not voting: None
ABSENT: Councilemember Hoffmeister

(b) **Approve Ordinance No. 26-23-43**

ORDINANCE NO. 26-23-43: AN ORDINACE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY SAID CITY; REPEALING ORDIANCE 25-23-43 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THAT SHOULD ANY PART OF THIS ORDINANCE BE INVALID SUCH INVALIDITY WILL NOT AFFECT THE REMAINDER OF THIS ORDINACE

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fischer, and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

(c) **Approve Ordinance No. 26-03-12**

ORDINANCE NO. 26-03-12: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CIT OF REDWATER, TEXAS ADOPTING A CIVILITY POLICY GOVERNING CONDUCT AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CITY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; 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. The motion carried.

(d) **ORDINANCE NO 26-13-6**

ORDINANCE NO 26-13-6: AN ORDINACE OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-26-08 (THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE) AND ORDINANCE NO. 11-13-3 (MOBILE HOMES/MANUFACTURED HOUSE) TO ESTABLISH A BY-RIGHT ZONING PATHWAY FOR NEW HUD-CODE MANUFACTURED HOME IN COMPLIANCE WITH TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE § 1201.008, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL 785; TO REMOVE DISCRETIONARY APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS AND DESIGN STANDARDS THAT CONFLICT WITH STATE LAW; TO ESTABLLISH A FORT-FIVE DAY DEEMED APPROVAL PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN APPLICATIONS; TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; TO CONFORM THE CITY'S ZONING AMENDMENT NOTICE AND PROTEST PROCEDURES TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 211, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL 24; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

Tabled until next month

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Adjournment

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel, and a second by Councilmember Gerber, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed adjourning the special called meeting of the Redwater City Council at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 17, 2026.. The motion carried.

These minutes were approved on the 15th day of October 2026.

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Clay Parker, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Anita Griffith, CITY SECRETARY