



City of Hawkins
City Council Minutes
January 21, 2025



On this day January 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm, Mayor Debbie Rushing called a Regular City Council Meeting to order with council members Greg Branson, Eric Maloy, Eleta Taylor, Clara Kay, and Meredith Hancock. The department heads were Norma Hallmark, Mike Maberry, Ty Musick, and Mandy Thomas.

Councilmember Clara Kay gave the invocation.

U.S. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Deb Rushing.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve a building permit for a RV-PORT at 155 Bridges Dr. Hawkins, Tx 75765. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve a building permit for a Storage Building at 155 Bridges Dr. Hawkins, Tx 75765. Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve a building permit for an Enclosed Carport at 155 Bridges Dr. Hawkins, Tx 75765. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Robbie White spoke about the property at the end of Wells St. and Hickory St. (7.55 acres).

Councilmember Meredith Hancock made a motion to appoint Mitchel Henderson for the City of Hawkins Municipal Judge. Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2024, City Council Meeting and Financial Reports; Seconded by Councilmember Meredith Hancock. The motion passed.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to approve the Departmental Monthly Reports; Seconded by Councilmember Eric Maloy. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to accept the resignation of City Attorney Leigh Ann Thompson. Councilmember Clara Kay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to approve the spending freeze on purchasing non- essential items for 60 days, all departments; Seconded by Eric Maloy. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to consider adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Hawkins, Texas, Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificate of Obligation, Series 2025 in the principal amount of \$1,230,000 and making certain findings related thereto. Councilmember Clara Kay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to consider adoption of a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of one or more principal forgiveness agreements between the Texas Water Development Board and the City of Hawkins, Texas, and an escrow agreement relating thereto. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried.




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Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to not deactivate the Hawkins police Department until such a time that the City of Hawkins can retain the services of a new qualified Chief of Police. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. Councilmembers Clara Kay, Greg Branson, Eleta Taylor, and Eric Maloy voted for the motion. Councilmember Meredith Hancock abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Mayor Deb Rushing let the citizens comment on the agenda items.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Eleta Taylor. The motion passed.


Deb Rushing, Mayor

Attest:


Mandy Thomas, City Secretary