

City of Lockney Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025
7:00am

I. CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM CHECK

Mayor, Steve Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00am.

Members Present: Mayor Steve Wright, Councilman Dart Carthel, Councilman Edward Marks, Councilwoman Rosio Reyes Councilman Donnie McLaughlin,

Others Present: City Attorney, Lanny Voss, City Manager, Buster Poling, City Secretary, KayCee Thiebaud, LEDC President, Brent Barker, Mike Shelton with Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, Gilbert Salas

Absent: none

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Ed Marks led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM: Regular Council Meeting- July 15, 2025

Donnie McLaughlin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the regular council meeting held on July 17, 2025. Rosio Reyes seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON VARIOUS REPORTS

- a. Financial Reports and Payment of Bills/Total Cash Balance: July ended in black ink
- b. Fire Department: none
- c. Public Works Department: none
- d. Mayor's Report
- e. City Manager/City Secretary Report: a lot of trash truck and vehicle maintenance, Water Well repairs.
- f. EDC Report:

Ed Marks made a motion to accept the consent agenda items. Donnie McLaughlin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF THE LOCKNEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 210 N. MAIN STREET, LOCKNEY, TEXAS. THE PROPOSED STARTING ASKING PRICE FOR THE PROPERTY IS \$32,000.00.

Brent Barker, LEDC board president addressed the council to approve the selling the grocery store building that was gifted to the LEDC by Lowes.

The LEDC was advised to publish and advertise the building was for sale at the appraised value and invite inquiries to the EDC and to market the property to the widest possible buying base.

Donnie McLaughlin made a motion to table to allow the EDC to do further investigating and getting a brokers opinion of value on the property. Dart Carthel seconded the motion.

VII. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL WILL DELIBERATE THE PRESENTATION OF THE MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY ANNUAL BUDGET OR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.

Mike Shelton presented budget and reports of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority for the FY 2025-2026.

made a motion to accept the budget of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Dart Carthel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER A BUILDING ORDINANCE VARIANCE REQUEST REGARDING A CARPORT FROM RICKY VASQUEZ AT 519 W SPRUCE. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION

Gilbert Salas spoke to the council on behalf of Ricky Vasquez to request a setback variance for a carport. The Council addressed questions of failure to obtain a permit as well as the variance request.

A motion was made by Ed Marks to grant a setback variance conditioned upon the property owners payment of \$1,000 for non-compliance with the building permit application process. There is to be no further construction activity until payment of the fine is completed. Donnie McLaughlin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER A BUILDING ORDINANCE VARIANCE REQUEST REGARDING A FENCE FROM GILBERT SALAS AT 401 W SPRUCE STREET. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.

Gilbert Salas requested a setback variance for construction of a new fence to make his property safer.

Dart Carthel made a motion to grant the variance request for Gilbert Salas. Ed Marks seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Rosio Reyes exited the meeting at 8:10am.

X. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A ONE TIME WATER ADJUSTMENT OF \$125.00 (MAXIMUM AMOUNT) BY SHAWNA (SHAW) JOHNSON. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.

Public Works director, Raymond Kern stated that upon initial inspection there was no evidence of a leak around the premises and with the amount of water that had gone through the meter, there would have been a significant amount of water standing and running down the street. There was a large pool in the back that seemed to be freshly filled.

Donnie McLaughlin made a motion to deny the request for a water adjustment due to lack of evidence of a leak. Dart Carthel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. PRESENTATION TO EDWARD MARKS ON BEHALF OF TEXAS SOUTH PLAINS HONOR FLIGHT ORGANIZATION.

At the request of City of Lockney City Attorney, Lanny Voss, the Texas South Plains Honor Flight Organization in Lubbock has commissioned Mr. Voss to make a flag presentation to Lockney City Council Member, Ed Marks in honor of his service to our country. The flag is complete with embroidery quality stitching including his name, branch of service, and years of service during the Vietnam War.

XII. ADJOURN

Donnie McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Ed Marks to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 am. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL CONVENE INTO A BUDGET AND TAX RATE WORKSHOP FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE BUDGET WORKSHOP. THE PURPOSE OF THIS WORKSHOP IS TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS BUDGETARY MATTERS IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNING BODY.

At 8:45 am, members of the City Council, Dart Carthel, Ed Marks and Mayor Steve Wright convened into a budget workshop for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

Also present was City Manager, Buster Poling, City Secretary, KayCee Thiebaud and Public Works Director, Raymond Kern.

Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing will be scheduled August 29, 2025 at 7am.

The workshop concluded at 9:04am.

Passed and approved the 21st day of October 2025.



Steve Wright, Mayor

Attest:



KayCee Thiebaud, City Secretary