

City Council Minutes

June 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Mitch Brenner. Council members present include President Lance DeLissa, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth, George Lucas, and Jonathan Unruh. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Christina Redger.

Visitors included Bobbie Allison and Leighton DeLissa.

Council discussed the process for approving Fireworks Permits for 2026. Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to approve Firework Stand Permits for BK's Fireworks, Garner Fireworks, and LAND WorkZ. DeLissa abstained; motion carried with four in favor.

Minutes of the May 26th, 2026, meeting were approved as written.

Council discussed various purchases for the month of May. Motion by Kroth, second by Unruh to approve the Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$636,281.71. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve building permit #26018. Motion carried with all in favor. Building permit #26019 was not approved by the Planning Commission nor the Council, Dean to follow up.

Cordes updated Council on the demolition of the structure located at 212 W Belle Meade St. Rain and landfill closures have caused minor delays.

Cordes updated Council on bids for a \$1,450,000 lease amount for Waterline Replacement Project funding for 2026-2027 Phase One and Phase Two. Council discussed the bids from Meade State Bank and Plains State Bank. Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to accept bid for lease amount of \$1,450,000 from Meade State Bank, and authorize Dean Cordes, Christina Redger, Mitch Brenner, and Taylor Kroth to conduct business on behalf of the account. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes and Kroth updated Council on equipment review for the purchase of a new skid steer. Bids were received from Case, Kubota, Cat, and John Deere. Council discussed the differences in the equipment, service, and attachments. Motion by Kroth, second by Lucas to accept bid from Case at \$58,050 for purchase of new Skid Steer with high flow hydraulics. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes updated Council on closure of the Splash Pad. Mayor Brenner authorized the closure of the Splash Pad on Monday after the new coating was applied to the concrete. Cordes will work with Kroth to re-lay topcoat and reopen once complete. Cordes to follow up.

Councilman Kroth requested update on condemnation of structure located at 205 E Carthage. Resolution 351 was adopted October 13, 2025, and the hearing was held on December 8, 2025. At the hearing, Council gave the owner one year to complete the required repairs to the property. Council requested property owner be reminded of deadline of January 12th, 2027, for the list of required updates to be completed. Cordes to follow up with property owner.

Cordes presented update on the structure located at 115 South Park St. The property owner showed Cordes the repairs made so far, but they were not complete. Property owner requested more time to complete repairs. Request was denied, and the Council requested the property owner be given a list of necessary updates and reminded of the deadline of July 11th, 2026. Cordes to follow up with the property owner.

Cordes presented Council with demolition of structure located at 205 E Grant St. Property owner will be using same company the City is using for demolitions. This will start once the structure is done at 212 W Belle Meade St.

Cordes presented Council with pricing on software and hardware products for the five office computers, City server, and firewall. Motion by DeLissa, second by Unruh to approve purchase of equipment up to current quoted price of \$13,222.22. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Brenner requested an update on the curb and parking lot at Ace Hardware. Cordes did follow up with property manager, and they are going to work with the city to repave the parking lot and match up to the curb and gutter.

Mayor Brenner requested a review of properties with lawn and weed nuisance. Cordes to follow up and send out letters.

Mayor Brenner requested an update on the Emergency Alert notifications. No action had been taken since last meeting, Redger to follow up.

Council President DeLissa questioned if the City had a policy regarding the use of City equipment. Council suggested that with the purchase of the new equipment, something more standard should be put into place.

Council President DeLissa questioned if the City was responsible for the upkeep of the walking trail, benches, and equipment around the Lone Tree Retirement Home. Cordes to follow up.

Council President DeLissa brought up issues with trees and bushes on private property around the City that are restricting vision while driving. A list will be provided for Cordes to follow up on.

Motion by Kroth, second by DeLissa to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel, to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, and City Clerk. Back in regular session, motion by Holguin, second by DeLissa to give Anthony Schmidt and Dennis Foster a raise. Motion carried with all in favor. Motion by Kroth, second by Unruh to give Dean Cordes a raise. Motion carried with all in favor. Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to hire Brittanie (Kayla) Bouldin-Duesing as Billing Clerk. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Holguin, second by Unruh to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mitch Brenner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Redger, City Clerk