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Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. in the
Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

1. Call to Order: at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Called at the beginning of the 6pm meeting. *The following members were present:*
Mayor Diaz; Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales;
City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd and City Secretary Rodriguez.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- None at this time.

3. Public Comments:

- None at this time.

4. Unfinished Business:

- None.

5. New Business:

a. Workshop on Proposed Budget for FY 2026/2027.

City Manager Squyres went over the following key points, followed by Mayor & Council discussion.

He also mentioned that there was no proposed budget yet, therefore he would provide information and seek their guidance.

- *The legal requirements and deadlines for Tax Rates were reviewed.*
- *Review of the three types of Tax Rate Options: No New Revenue Tax, Voter Approval Rate, De Minimis Rate.*
- *Explained how completing the audit in time allowed the city to have the option to choose from all three tax rate options.*
- *Explained the impact that losing the glass factory is having on the city.*
- *Mayor and Council were notified that the city's electricity contract with TXU will expire at the end of this year and how that will impact the price the city will pay for electricity.*
- *City Manager Squyres went over the need and the process to update the city's antiquated radio system for fire and police and explained the city was able obtain grants for this project but would still have some financial obligation for this.*
- *Mayor & Council were informed that the city just had a Federal & State- required IT Audit. The Company currently used to comply has approached the city asking for the city to sign a very expensive maintenance contract. There is another company that has quoted the city a reasonable price, it is being reviewed. This is mandatory service that is legally required for cities. There are other services that we currently pay other vendors for that this company may be able to consolidate for us into their quote.*
- *The city's Garbage Collection contract with Waste Management will expire at the end of October and they have informed the city that they will be changing the way they service. They will be changing from manual pickup to large-can pick up with a big fork. The change is mandatory however; they have not informed the city if the prices will be affected. The city is preparing RFP's and will request council permission at the next council meeting to issue the RFPs for price quotes from various companies. At the moment, we do not know what kind of impact this will have on the budget.*

- *This budget is expected to be more of a Maintenance Budget with no expected big new purchases.*
- *Financial relief is expected for next year if Auto Zone moves in by then and if the manufacturing company we've been meeting with does move into the fidelity warehouse. They have finally had communication with TCEQ, who advised them that they do not see a problem with what they expect to put into our system. The city reached out our representative with LJA who designed the plant and all the upgrades to the plant to seek insight into whether the plant could handle what the manufacturing company plans to output. The response was that our system could handle it. Should this company move ahead with moving in, the city, together with Jim Defoyd and LJA, is preparing to draft an ordinance with regulations for that. Water and Sewer fees for them are also being looked into.*

Additional Conversations:

- *The city heard talk of plans for a sidewalk coming from Big Bass is in motion and requested a meeting with the county to request to see the plans for the sidewalk. The county confirmed that there are plans to build the sidewalk. They are building a sidewalk on the south side of Market from Big Bass all the way to the Bayou.*
- *Today the city sat in on a TML Legislative Session and is concerned about the new restrictions being planned for cities.*

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Rodriguez
Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary