

CITY OF DAINGERFIELD

Regular Session – January 12, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Wade Kerley called the City Council meeting for the City of Daingerfield to order at **6:00 PM** on Monday, January 12, 2026, at the Daingerfield Volunteer Fire Department located at 823 W.W.M. Watson Blvd.

Council Present

- Mayor Wade Kerley
- Mayor Pro Tem Jessie Ayers
- Council Member Vicki Smith
- Council Member David Hood
- Council Member Ben Ramirez
- Council Member Bob Thorne

Council Absent

N/A

City Staff Present

- City Manager Michelle Jones
- City Secretary/Finance Director Amanda Sanders
- Police Chief Tracey Climer
- Fire Chief Jimmy Cornelius
- Assistant Fire Chief Travis Miller
- Code Compliance Officer- Carrie Kirkland

Others Present

- Chase Rivet- Summit Locations
- Jim Goodman
- Mike Ward - Auditor
- Melissa Boyd
- Bruce Boyd

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge

Led by Mayor Wade Kerley

Public Comments

No public comment.

Presentation (Information Only – No Action Taken)

Presentation of the Audit for Fiscal Year 2024–2025 by Mike Ward, C.P.A.

Consent Agenda

Deliberate and Act to Approve Minutes of December 8, 2025.

Motion made by Mr. Ayers to approve minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mrs. Smith

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

Business – Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:

A. Take from the Table- Selection and appointment of City Attorney and Municipal Court Prosecutor

Motion made by Mr. Hood to take from the table – selection and appointment of City Attorney and Municipal Court Prosecutor.

Seconded by Mrs. Smith

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

B. Selection and appointment of a City Attorney and Municipal Court Prosecutor.

Motion made by Mr. Hood to appoint Charles E. Zech and Denton Navarro Rodriguez Bernal Santee & Zech, P.C. as city attorney for the City of Daingerfield, effective January 12, 2026; to designate Denton Navarro Rodriguez Bernal Santee & Zech, P.C., or its assigned attorney, to serve as Municipal Court Prosecutor; to authorize Denton Navarro Rodriguez Bernal Santee & Zech, P.C. to provide legal services to the Daingerfield Type A and Type B Economic Development Corporations; and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement consistent with council direction.

Seconded by Mrs. Smith

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

C. Planning Services Engagement Letter with Denton Navarro Rodriguez Bernal Santee & Zech, P.C.

Motion made by Mr. Ayers to approve Planning Services Engagement letter with Denton Navarro Rodriguez Bernal Santee & Zech, P.C. for professional planning and development-related services, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and utilize such services on an as needed basis.

Seconded by Mr. Ramirez

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

D. Take from the table request from Taylor Baumgardner with Summit location on behalf of Keith and Mica West to Extend a variance Allowing Installation of a free-standing billboard located at 1015 Linda Drive.

Motion made by Mr. Ayers to take from the table- sign variance request at 1015 Linda Drive.

Seconded by: Mr. Thorne

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

E. Action on request from Taylor Baumgardner with Summit location on behalf of Keith and Mica West to Extend a variance Allowing Installation of a free-standing billboard located at 1015 Linda Drive.

Motion made by Mr. Hood to reject the variance request.

Seconded by Mr. Thorne

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

F. Take from the table request from Taylor Baumgardner with Summit location on behalf of Jose Benitez to Extend a variance Allowing Installation of a free-standing billboard located at 1016 Linda Drive.

Motion made by Mr. Thorne to take from the table- sign variance request at 1016 Linda Drive.

Seconded by: Mr. Hood

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

G. Action on request from Taylor Baumgardner with Summit location on behalf of Jose Benitez to Extend a variance Allowing Installation of a free-standing billboard located at 1016 Linda Drive.

Motion made by Mr. Hood to reject the variance request.

Seconded by Mr. Ayers

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

H. Approve Budget Amendment Resolution 01122026-01

Motion made by Mr. Hood to approve resolution 01122026-01

Seconded by Mr. Ramirez

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

I. Approve Submission of a Grant Application for the Daingerfield Police Department Fleet Emergency Project.

Motion made by Mr. Hood to approve resolution as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Thorne

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

J. Approve purchase of fire department vehicle through cooperative purchasing program.

Motion made by Mr. Hood to approve the purchase of a fire department vehicle through a cooperative purchasing program.

Seconded by Mr. Ayers

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

K. Resolution regarding a finance contract for procuring a fire truck with Government Capital.

Motion made by Mr. Hood to approve the resolution as presented.

Seconded by Mrs. Smith

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

Monthly Departmental Reports (Informational Only)

Animal Shelter, Code Enforcement, EMS, Fire, Library, Municipal Court, Police, Public Works, Financial Report, City Manager

Monthly Boards and Commissions Minutes

Northeast Texas Municipal Water District
Morris County Appraisal District

Adjournment

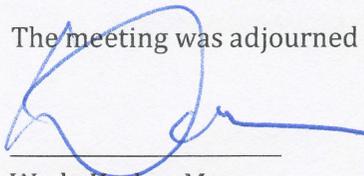
There being no further business, Mayor Kerley asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mr. Thorne

Seconded by Mr. Ramirez

Vote: All voted for / Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at **7:07 PM**.



Wade Kerley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Sanders, City Secretary

