

# Regular Session June 16, 2025

## Meeting minutes

### **Council Present:**

Mayor Wade Kerley, Councilmember Vicki Smith, Councilmember Jessie Ayers, Councilmember David Hood, Councilmember Ben Ramirez.

### **City Staff Present:**

City Manager Michelle Jones, City Secretary/Finance Director Amanda Sanders, Police Chief Tracey Climer, Fire Chief Jimmy Cornelius

### **Others Present:**

Josh Sanders, Bob Thorne, Susan Thorne, Lori Loyd, Jim Goodman, Nicole Kimball-Steel Country Bee, David Erickson, Sheran West, Candi Trefero, Brandon Trefero, Nelson Roach, Rocky Thomasson

### **Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Wade Kerley called the city council meeting for the City of Daingerfield to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the Daingerfield Volunteer Fire Department.

### **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge**

Led by Mayor Wade Kerley

### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Kerley opened the public hearing at 6:01 PM regarding the submission of a grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to improve Irvin Park. He noted that notice of this public hearing was posted on the city website on June 11, 2025. With no one present to speak on the matter, Mayor Kerley closed the public hearing at 6:02 PM.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments

### **Consent Agenda**

Mayor Kerley introduced the consent agenda, noting that all items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote. The consent agenda included the approval of minutes from May 12, 2025.

*Mr. Hood made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Business — Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:**

#### **Review, discuss, and possibly appoint Northeast Texas Municipal Water District Director to represent the City of Daingerfield.**

Mayor Kerley stated that the council had received and reviewed applications from Rocky Thomasson, Laura Mabey, and Sharan West. Mr. Hood expressed excitement about people stepping up to help the city, especially after the recent debates about the water district. He then made a motion to appoint Laura Mabey.

*Mr. Hood made a motion to appoint Laura Mabey as the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District Director to represent the City of Daingerfield. Councilmember Mr. Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Review, discuss and possibly Act to Appoint a qualified individual to fill vacant position on the Daingerfield City Council resulting from the death of Councilmember Carter, in accordance with Section 6.3 of the City's Home Rule Charter, and to approve a resolution 06162025 formalizing the appointment.**

Mayor Kerley announced that the council had received letters of interest from Bob Thorne, Lori Lloyd, Amber Key, and Jim Goodman. Mr. Ramirez stated that while there were good advocates for everything going on, he believed experience was crucial at this juncture. He then made a motion to appoint Bob Thorne.

*Mr. Ramirez made a motion to appoint Bob Thorne to fill the vacant position on the Daingerfield City Council by resolution 06162025. Mr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed with one opposition from Mr. Ayers.*

**Review, discuss, and possibly act on request from Gerald Stotts to improve the drainage located at Watson Streets.**

Mayor Kerley mentioned that Mr. Stotts had asked to pass over this item. No Action Taken.

**Review, Discuss, and Possibly Act to Approve Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Daingerfield and Daingerfield 259, LLC (Cubbies Daingerfield Project).**

City Manager Michelle Jones explained that this was a draft abatement agreement written by our attorney for review. She highlighted key points:

- Standard timeline of 2 years to completion from when a tax abatement is granted
- Standard timeline for starting within 6 months of agreement signing
- Agreement to hire from within Daingerfield and surrounding area when possible

Jones mentioned that Daingerfield 259 has been responsive to information requests. The council discussed the timeline and next steps in the process. Mr. Ayers made a motion to approve the draft abatement as written.

*Mr. Ayers made a motion to approve the tax abatement agreement as written. Mr. Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Review, Discuss, and Possibly Act to Approve Ordinance No. 20250616-1 to Disannex 1101 Sunset Avenue requested by Brandon and Candi Trefero.**

City Manager Jones explained that this property was annexed in 2022 by Marty Walker. The Trefero's are not using city services except for trash and have their own water and septic. Jones noted that disannexation would save the Trefero's money and would not negatively impact the city. She also mentioned that they cannot annex back in for 10 years if disannexed.

*Mr. Hood made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 20250616-1 to disannex 1101 Sunset Avenue. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Review, Discuss, and Possibly Act to Approve Resolution for Program Assurances Authorizing an application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a Local Parks Grant.**

City Manager Jones explained that this grant will be written to replace fencing and add a playground at Irvin Park. The grant is potentially for \$150,000 with a 50/50 match. Jones mentioned that in-kind matches and trade work could be used to meet their match. She also noted that the playground would likely be placed near the 8U field, away from foul ball issues and with shade coverage.

*Mr. Ayers made a motion to approve the Resolution for Program Assurances authorizing an application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a Local Parks Grant. Mr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Review, Discuss, and Possibly Act to Approve Ordinance No. 20250616-1 Amending Section 6-68 related to the Unlawful Restraint of Animals.**

City Manager Jones explained that this amendment was to comply with state law changes from 2022 regarding tethering laws. The new ordinance would allow tethering but require potable water and shelter, and prohibit the use of chains.

*Mr. Ramirez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 20250616-1 amending Section 6-68 related to the Unlawful Restraint of Animals. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Review, Discuss and Possibly Act to Approve Resolution No 06162025-2 Establishing a Consolidated Security & Technology Fund Pursuant to House Bill 1950**

City Manager Jones explained that this resolution was required due to new legislation changing how money from citations is split.

*Mr. Ayers made a motion to approve Resolution No. 06162025-2 establishing a Consolidated Security & Technology Fund pursuant to House Bill 1950. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Signatories will remain the same- City Manager Michelle Jones, City Secretary Amanda Sanders, Mayor Wade Kerley, and Mayor Pro Tem Jessie Ayers.*

## **Monthly Departmental Reports: Informational reports only; no action to be taken:**

### **Animal Shelter, EMS, Fire, Library, Municipal court, Police, Code, Public Works**

No questions about these reports

### **Financial**

Mrs. Sanders provided a financial update:

- General Fund: Net positive position of \$152,004.63
- Water and Sewer Fund: Net positive position of \$166,039

### **City Manager**

City Manager Jones provided updates on ongoing projects:

- Water Tower Project: Work to begin July 14, with anticipated completion July 14, 2027
- Carpenter Street Rehabilitation: Moved to phase 2
- West Lift Station: Nearing completion
- Valve and Chlorine Project: Well underway, with a successful chlorine booster installation
- Texas Water Development Board Funding: Closed on last \$3,800,000 for water, bringing total received to \$17,660,667 with \$10,595,670 in loan forgiveness and grants

Jones thanked the council for their continued support in improving the city's infrastructure.

**Monthly Boards and Commissions Minutes: Informational reports only; no action to be taken:**

**Economic Development Corporation**

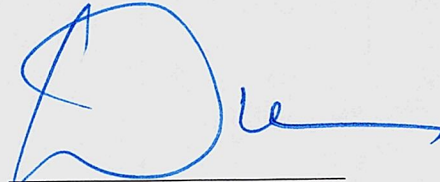
City Manager Jones provided updates on park bench replacements and upcoming training for EDC members.

Mayor Kerley thanked Mrs. Jones for her work on securing grants for the city.

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

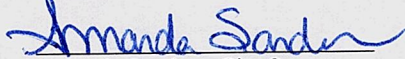
*Mr. Hood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.



Wade Kerley, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Amanda Sanders, City Secretary