

CITY OF TATUM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2026

The City Council of the City of Tatum met in regular session on May 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following members present:

Mayor- Michael Henry

City Secretary- Jackie Muckleroy - Absent

City Council

JR Smith – Absent

Wendell Moore

Tate Smith - Mayor Pro-Tem

Robin Palmer

Jonathan Knapp

Prayer was respectfully observed by all in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was respectfully observed by all in attendance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

None

Information Only

- **Police Department:** Chief James Smith - Presented the monthly activity reports.
 - Updated council on upcoming operations involving TxDOT. He stated that TxDOT representatives are scheduled to begin their activities following the conclusion of the local school year to minimize traffic disruptions.
- **Public Works:** Mr. Michael Morton - Presented the monthly activity reports.
 - An operational update was presented regarding the repairs executed at the eagle ridge lift station. Water department personnel identified structural deterioration from age and corrosion on the pump's base assembly, noting large holes worn completely through the components. Staff replaced the damaged hardware with new, solid components, anticipating that these corrective measures will resolve the recent operational issues.
- **Volunteer Fire Department:** Asst. Chief Cody Jones - Presented the monthly activity reports.
 - In response to an inquiry regarding the department's fundraiser held on May 17th, Fire Assistant Chief Cody Jones stated that while the event was completed successfully, the overall public turnout was lower than attendance figures recorded at previous department fundraisers.
- **TEDCO:** Mr. Nakia Smith - Presented monthly updates.
 - Reported the Pecan Pie Festival held in April was highly successful, noting a consistent upward trend in attendance and community engagement compared to the previous years.
 - Mr. Nakia Smith announced that TEDCO has officially closed the real estate transaction regarding the O'Reilly Auto Parts commercial development project.
- **City Administration:** City Secretary Jackie Muckleroy - Absent. No updates were provided.
- **Mayor:** Michael Henry – Presented monthly updates.
 - Planning and Zoning meeting scheduled next Monday night at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. with two items on their agenda. Notice will be signed and posted no later than Wednesday staying in compliance with open meetings act.
 - Announced he will be out of office during the following week to attend the Texas Emergency Management Conference.

New Business:

1. Discussion and Motion: Approve Previous two months meeting minutes and checks.

Mr. Jonathan Knapp moved to open discussion on the checks written and meeting minutes from the preceding two months. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tate Smith.

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During the discussion, Mayor Michael Henry noted a necessary correction to the April minutes, stating that the record must be amended to show that the original motion in question was motioned by Mr. Tate Smith and seconded by Mr. Robin Palmer.

Following this correction, Mr. Wendell Moore motioned to approve checks and meeting minutes with amendment. Mr. Jonathan Knapp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all in favor and none opposed.

2. Discussion and Motion: Review/Update Fee - Ordinance 2005-06 Licensing of Electronic Game Rooms.

Mr. Wendell Moore moved to open discussion on the matter, and Mr. Jonathan Knapp seconded the motion.

Following discussion, Mr. Wendell Moore moved to postpone the review of the item until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Robin Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all in favor and none opposed.

3. Discussion and Motion: Sabine Oil and Gas- Addition of two more wells.

A representative for Sabine Oil and Gas had submitted application requesting authorization for two additional wells. The representative noted that the City Council previously reviewed a proposal for three wells several months prior.

The current application proposes adding two additional wells oriented to the North. The representative confirmed that the well pad is located within the city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), north of the city limits. The representative noted that while project operations were originally scheduled to commence in June, the timeline has fallen behind schedule and construction is now anticipated to begin in September.

Mr. Allen, Production Director for Sabine Oil and Gas, addressed the City Council regarding potential traffic concerns associated with the upcoming project. He stated that the company is committed to resolving any infrastructure or traffic issues promptly to ensure all conditions are properly remediated. Mr. Wendell Moore motioned to approve the addition of two wells. Mr. Jonathan Knapp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all in favor and none opposed.

4. Discussion and Motion: Adoption of IBC Codes Ordinance.

Mr. Jonathan Knapp moved to open discussion and Mr. Wendell Moore seconded. After reviewing the proposed ordinance to adopt the updated international building and safety codes, Mr. Wendell Moore moved to approve and adopt the building codes as presented. Mr. Jonathan Knapp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all in favor and none opposed.

5. Discussion and Motion: Timekeeping procedures and Standards Updates.

Mr. Tate Smith moved to open discussion on the matter and Mr. Jonathan Knapp seconded. During discussion it was suggested to evaluate alternative options, including various types of physical time clock machines and digital mobile applications.

Following the review, Mr. Tate Smith moved to table and postpone further action on the item until the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow further research. Mr. Robin Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all in favor and none opposed.

Employee Leave Tracking and Reporting.

Mr. Tate Smith moved to open discussion and Mr. Jonathan Knapp seconded. The City Council discussed the inclusion of specific personnel records within the council's regular review materials. Following discussion, Mr. Tate Smith moved to require that employee sick leave and vacation tracking reports be formally included in the monthly council packets moving forward. Mr. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all in favor and none opposed.

6. Discussion: Reminder of approved office attendance policy

Mr. Tate Smith moved to open discussion and Mr. Robin Palmer seconded. It was clarified for the record that the policy – mandating that office personnel must be on duty between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.- had been formally approved and signed during a prior session. However, due to oversight, the item had been inadvertently omitted from the preceding drafted minutes and agenda.

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The item was presented strictly to provide public verification of the active policy, and no action or vote was taken.

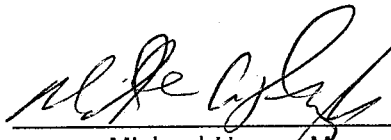
7. Swearing In of Council Members and Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Michael Henry clarified that the selection of the Mayor Pro-Tem requires a separate, subsequent agenda action item. Consequently, the appointment of the Mayor Pro-Tem was tabled and postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Michael Henry noted that the May 2026 city election was canceled because all incumbents ran unopposed. It was reported that Council Member J.R. Smith was unable to attend the evening's session but had appeared at City Hall earlier in the day to take his official Oath of Office.

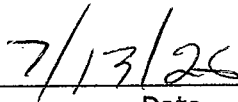
Mr. Jonathan Knapp moved to proceed with the scheduled on-site swearing-in ceremony for the remaining unopposed candidates. Mr. Robin Palmer seconded the motion. Following the vote, Ms. Yesenia, acting in her official capacity as a Public Notary, administered the constitutional Oath of Office to Mayor Michael Hendry and Council Member Wendell Moore.

8. Adjournment.

Mr. Wendell Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Mr. Tate Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all in favor and none opposed.

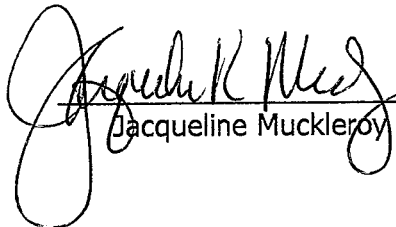


Michael Henry, Mayor

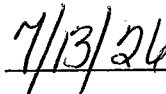


Date

ATTEST:



Jacqueline Muckleroy



Date

