

City of Southmayd, Texas
Minutes of March 24, 2026
Regular City Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Southmayd, Texas met on this date at 6:00 p.m. for a regular City Council meeting. City Council members present were Mayor Debra Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Horstman, Briana Monroe, Matthew Tanner, Mark Everett and Teresa Miller. City Staff present were City Secretary Amanda McGill, Chief Laughlin and Chief Thetford.

Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER & Declaration of a Quorum:

Mayor Thompson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., March 24, 2026.

B. PLEDGE TO FLAG and INVOCATION:

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman led the pledge to flag and invocation.

C. WELCOME GUESTS:

All guests were welcomed.

D. PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident Millie Rutherford spoke regarding agenda item #14.

Resident Dalton Fallaw asked to wait until agenda item #2 was discussed. No discussion was needed during that agenda item.

E. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION: *(No Action)*

Lieutenant Michael Aguirre was presented with an award for his 5 years of service with the Southmayd Police Department.

F. CONSENT AGENDA & STAFF REPORTS

**Consent agenda items are routine in nature and may be acted upon in one motion without discussion unless a Council Member or a citizen requests a specific item be discussed and voted on separately.*

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the City Council minutes for February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting, February 26, 2026, Special Meeting, and March 12, 2026, Special Meeting.

Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the consent agenda and staff reports. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

G. REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on presentation of the February 2026 financial statements and report of accounts by Joe Madden, CPA.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the January 2026 financial statement with changes made. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding complaints regarding farm equipment on property within city limits.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of Resolution 159 regarding the release of land from the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept Resolution 159 on the release of land from the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed four (4) to one (1).

- 4. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the estimates received for awning repair/replacement at the Southmayd Fire Department.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to table this discussion until more bids are received. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on selecting a date & time for the Meet and Greet for candidates running for City Council.**

Councilmember Monroe made a motion to set the date for the Meet and Greet for candidates running for City Council on April 18th, 2026, at 2:00 pm at the Southmayd Community Center. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on selecting times, location, and volunteers for Spring Clean-Up scheduled for the dates of June 5-7.**

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to table until the May 19th, 2026, city council meeting. Councilmember Tanner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Discuss, consider, and possible action on GTUA submitting application to Texas Water Development Board for the water supply and infrastructure grant (WSIG).**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to allow GTUA to submit an application to the Texas Water Development Board for the water supply and infrastructure grant (WSIG). Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the estimates received on radios for water tender.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to approve the purchase of the APX8500 Multiband radio in the amount of \$8,778.27 pending the approval of the water tender. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the purchase of a water tender from Metro Fire Apparatus with the \$300,000.00 grant received from Texas A&M Forest Service.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to approve the purchase of the water tender from Metro Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$518,956.00. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed four (4) to one (1).

10. Discuss and approve financing the new water tender with Lamar National Bank.

Councilmember Monroe made a motion to approve the financing of the new water tender with Lamar National Bank. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed four (4) to one (1).

11. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the Southmayd Interconnection Design Plans and Report.

Councilmember Everett made a motion to approve the Southmayd Interconnection Design Plans and Report. Councilmember Tanner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

12. Discuss, consider, and possible action on obtaining a bid from Grayson County Precinct 3 Road Department to chip & seal Fossil Creek and Wrangler.

Councilmember Everett made a motion to approve obtaining a bid from Grayson County Precinct 3 Road Department to chip & seal Fossil Creek and Wrangler.

13. Discuss, consider, and possible action on providing a list to Grayson County Precinct 3 Road Department of the four main roads to receive estimates for repair.

Councilmember Miller made a motion to obtain bids on Elementary, Belknap, Gibbons, Stetson., Pine Ridge, Willow Ridge, and Aztec. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

14. Discuss, consider, and possible action on allowing the S&S High School Baseball team to use the Community Center for team dinners on Thursdays, March 26th – April 16th with a deduction/waiving of fees.

Councilmember Everett made a motion to charge a \$100.00 deposit that can be floated week to week if each week there is no damage and the building is clean, and no charge for rental. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Southmayd will recess into Executive Session (Closed Meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

- i. Sec. 551.074: Personnel Matters – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee
 - Fire Chief Evaluation
 - Code Enforcement Officer (Part-time/Full-time)

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. Councilmember Everett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

I. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 8:07 p.m. Councilmember Everett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The City Council of the City of Southmayd will reconvene into Regular Session (Open Meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding the items discussed in Executive Session.

- i. Sec. 551.074: Personnel Matters – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee
 - Fire Chief Evaluation

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to add another 90-days of leadership and development with Mayor Thompson and Mayor Pro Tem Horstman to meet with Chief Thetford regarding the details. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed four (4) to one (1). Councilmember Everett abstained.

- Code Enforcement Officer (Part-time/Full-time)

Councilmember Everett made a motion to table this discussion with no action being taken at this time. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

J. ADJOURN

Councilmember Everett moved to adjourn. Councilmember Tanner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Debra Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda McGill, City Secretary

Approved: April 21, 2026