

City of Southmayd, Texas
Minutes of May 19, 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, Matthew Tanner, Millie Rutherford, and Gene Davis. City Staff present were City Secretary Amanda McGill, Chief Laughlin, Lieutenant Aguirre, Officer Shipman, Officer Barrett, and Acting Fire Chief Dobbs.

Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER & Declaration of a Quorum:

Mayor Thompson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., May 19, 2026.

B. PLEDGE TO FLAG and INVOCATION:

Councilmember Rutherford led the pledge to flag and invocation.

C. WELCOME GUESTS:

All guests were welcomed.

D. PUBLIC FORUM:

Acting Fire Chief, Ryan Dobbs, spoke to apologize for comments made during a previous meeting by volunteers of the Southmayd Fire Department.

Mr. Brooks discussed a civil matter involving personal property damage.

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

Chief Laughlin swore in Melissa York as a Reserve Officer and Code Enforcement.

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 April 21, 2026, and May 12, 2026, Special Meeting.**

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to accept the consent agenda and staff reports. Councilmember Tanner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

G. REGULAR AGENDA

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

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to accept the April 2026 financial statement with changes made. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on city invoices being paid electronically.

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to move forward with RAMP, an electronic payment system for city invoices in the amount of \$432.00 per year and to have Councilmember Matthew Tanner and Mayor Debra Thompson as approvers. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the Professional Services Agreement with Texas City Services LLC to conduct a sales tax audit.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to accept the Professional Service agreement with Texas City Services to conduct a sales tax audit. Councilmember Rutherford seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss, consider, and possible action on Petition by Landowner Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative, Inc. for release from Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to allow Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative, Inc to be released from the City of Southmayd's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the Southmayd Interconnection Change Order #2 for bid procurement.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to approve the Southmayd Interconnection Change Order #2 and to proceed with bid procurement in the amount of \$12,000.00. Councilmember Rutherford seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on bids received to replace the City Hall water heater.

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to accept the bid from Red River Plumbing to replace the City Hall water heater with a tankless in the amount of \$2,900.00 with a budget amendment. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss, consider, and possible action on returning 2.310 acres of land to Roy Plat that was acquired by the city in 2011.

Councilmember Davis made a motion to return the 2.310 acres of land to Roy Plat for \$1,000.00. If agreement is not met this will come back to council. Councilmember Rutherford seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider, and possible action on how to supply diesel fuel for generators to water wells.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to approve the purchase of a diesel tank for the Public Works truck in the amount of \$1,200.00 with a budget amendment. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discuss, consider, and possible action on selecting a location, times, and volunteers for the Spring Clean-Up scheduled for June 5th -7th.

Councilmember Davis made a motion to hold the Spring Clean-Up at the Southmayd City Hall, June 5th-7th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Councilmember Rutherford seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discuss, consider, and possible action on holding a community garage sale June 13th at the Southmayd Community Center.

Councilmember Davis made a motion to table the community garage sale until the special meeting on May 26, 2026. Councilmember Tanner 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
 - Part-time Public Works position
 - Administrative review of Fire Chief

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

I. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:37 p.m. Councilmember Tanner 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

- Part-time Public Works Position

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to post for a part-time Public Works position, at \$15.00 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours per week. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Administrative review of Fire Chief

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to accept Brent Thetford's resignation as Fire Chief. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

J. ADJOURN

Councilmember Tanner moved to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Debra Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda McGill, City Secretary

Approved: June 16, 2026