

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
MINERAL WELLS CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL ANNEX
January 20, 2026 – 6:00 pm**

Mayor Pro-Tem Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Jake Grogan of Indian Creek Baptist Church led the invocation, which included the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Councilmembers present were Mayor Pro-Tem Beth Watson, Charles Ramsay, Kyle Kelley, Glenn Mitchell, and Mike Rankin. A quorum of City Councilmembers was present. Mayor Regan Johnson and Jonathon Rusher were absent.

Staff members present were City Manager Jason Weeks, Fire Chief Ryan Dunn, Police Chief Tim Denison, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Aaron Bovos, Economic Development Director Nate Dyhre, Community Services Manager Carrie Stevenson, Library Staff Member Katy Lipsey Airport Manager Haley Cuevas, Public Works Administration Dakota York, Assistant Public Works Director Nathan Buschow, Police Officer Brian Boetz, Public Works Staff Member Jeti Brokaw, Building Inspector Michael Dunn, Marketing & Communications Manager/PIO Brittany Brown, City Clerk Sharon McFadden, and City Attorney Ann Montgomery.

PRESENTATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Watson introduced Honorary Councilmember Bryan Kosmack. Mrs. Watson acknowledged the loss of City Charter Commission member Rhonda Wilkinson. She mentioned the passing of Mr. DeArtis Nickerson and acknowledged his years of service as a City Councilmember. Mayor Pro-Tem Watson requested everyone keep both families in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one signed up to speak.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Introduction of new City employees.

There were no new employees to introduce.

2. Recognition for City employees' years of service.

Police Chief Denison recognized Animal Shelter Supervisor Kim Marinaro for 10 years of service with the City of Mineral Wells.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Following a motion by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Rankin, the Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 5-0.

3. Consider and take appropriate action on the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 6, 2025.
4. Consider and take appropriate action on reappointing the City Clerk, Sharon McFadden, to a new term as the governing body's representative on the Local Board of the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System (TESRS) effective March 1, 2026.
5. Consider and take appropriate action authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Mutual Confidentiality Agreement with ClearSkies.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

6. Consider and take appropriate action, and conduct a Public Hearing regarding a Replat of a subdivision of a 2.447-acre tract of land, being Lot 3, Block 1, Airport Fields, an addition to the City of Mineral Wells E.T.J., according to the plat as recorded in Volume 12, Page 61, Slide 1260, Plat Records, Palo Pinto County, Texas to Block 1, Lots 3A & 3B, Airport Fields, Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. No comments were made.
Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Michael Dunn said that applicant Kiran Patel is requesting a replat. The purpose is to replat the property into two lots to add another home to the property. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding this matter at its January 5, 2026, meeting and voted unanimously for approval. Police, Fire Department, Public Works, Oncor, and Texas Gas Service have all reviewed this case and expressed no concerns.

Mr. Mitchell made the first motion, and Mr. Kelley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Presentation and Discussion of Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Projects (Library Storybook Park, Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant status for West City Park, Grant status/updates for TxDOT grand and landscaping medians/improvements, along with City Gym Backyard).

Mrs. Stevenson said that before the holidays, Mayor Pro-Tem Watson asked for an update on the Parks & Recreation projects. Staff put together a presentation that will cover those capital improvement projects:

Library Story Book Park: If the Boyce Ditto Library project is awarded this evening, the City will proceed with a design-build delivery method utilizing Kompan. Project design concepts and the anticipated timeline will be presented for review and discussion at future City Council meetings.

West City Park Update: The Texas Parks and Wildlife grant is not anticipated to be

awarded at this time. The current budget allows for \$700,000 for park updates. Currently, City staff are working with Whirlix on an inclusive playground.

TxDOT Green Ribbon Grant for Median Landscaping (\$579,000): Construction on the large median along US 281 North is nearing completion. Design work has been completed for the remaining medians, and the projects are currently working on the installation of irrigation, soil, plant materials, and additional landscape elements.

The Backyard Project at the City Gym: Funded by a \$50,000 T-Mobile grant. Hardscaping has been completed, lighting installed, picnic tables placed, and the pavilion design finalized. Pavilion installation is scheduled for early February. Concrete game elements are expected to arrive in late January, and food truck pedestal installation is anticipated in February. Project completion is anticipated by mid to late February, followed by a grand opening event.

Staff is hopeful that we may have news about the Texas Parks & Wildlife grant submitted for a 50% match in the amount up to \$750,000 to be used at West City Park to present at this meeting too.

No action was taken on this matter.

8. Consider and take appropriate action to award Request for Proposal 2026-002 – Design / Build of Boyce Ditto Library Storybook Park to the highest scoring firm, Kompan, in an amount not to exceed \$525,000.00 for the fiscal year 2026.

Mr. Bovos said that Kompan is a global leader in the design and manufacture of innovative outdoor play, sport, and fitness equipment, known for combining durable engineering with research-based design that promotes physical activity and social interaction for all ages. Founded in Denmark, Kompan emphasizes inclusive, sustainable solutions—from playgrounds and parkour to outdoor fitness and sports courts—using high-quality materials and evidence-driven insights to support healthy communities. Its products are widely used by municipalities, schools, and parks worldwide, reflecting a commitment to safety, longevity, and joyful movement in public spaces. Mrs. Stevenson answered questions from the City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds were approved within the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the design and build of Storybook Park. They include \$225,000 remaining in the Library Trust fund, along with \$300,000 from the sale of the old Post Office.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that City Council approve the award of Request for Proposal 2026-002 – Design / Build of Boyce Ditto Storybook Park to the high scoring firm, Kompan, in an amount not to exceed \$525,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2026.

Mr. Kelley made the first motion, and Mr. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Future agenda items/Requests by Councilmembers to be on the next agenda.

None.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council recessed into Executive Session (closed meeting) at 6:24 p.m. to discuss the following:

a. § 551.074: To deliberate on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, regarding:

(i) City Manager.

b. § 551.072: Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property regarding: (i) future municipal building locations.

13. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:** In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:14 p.m. to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

14. There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Regan Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon McFadden, City Clerk

APPROVED