**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING**
**MINERAL WELLS CITY COUNCIL**
**CITY HALL ANNEX**
**June 16, 2026 – 6:00 pm**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Ms. Hannah Burkhall led the invocation, which included the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

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

Staff members present were City Manager Jason Weeks, Fire Chief Ryan Dunn, Police Chief Tim Denison, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Aaron Bovos, Development Services Director Richard Glass, Public Works Executive Director Howard Huffman, Public Works Director Scott McKennon, Public Works Administration David Morgan, Community Services Manager Carrie Stevenson, Economic Development Executive Director Nate Dyhre, Marketing & Communications Manager/PIO Brittany Brown, Library Manager Katy Lipsey, Administrative Assistant Fern FreemanPratt, City Clerk Sharon McFadden, and City Attorney Ann Montgomery.

**PRESENTATION/ STAFF REPORTS:**

1. Introduction of new City employees.
   Police Chief Denison introduced new Police Officers, Nathan Groce and Joshua Almanza.

2. Recognition for City employees' years of service and promotions.
   Police Chief Denison announced that Police Officers Melissa Patino and Thomas Lively was recently promoted to the rank of Corporal.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No one signed up to speak.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Mr. Weeks stated there were no additional staff reports.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Following a motion by Mr. Rankin and seconded by Mr. Kelley, the Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.

3. Consider and take appropriate action on the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 2, 2026.

4. Approve the City of Mineral Wells Strategic Plan.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

5. HDR Water Treatment Plant Presentation.

   Mr. Huffman introduced Mr. Cory Shockley and Dr. Sophie De Respino from HDR. Mr. Shockley and Dr. De Respino presented the details of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Hilltop Water Treatment Plant.

   No action was taken on this item.

6. Department Heads to provide the City Council with insight into the additional resources departments are requesting the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget.

   Mr. Weeks explained that the Department Heads of the City are requesting additional resources for the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget. The Department Heads presenting were as follows:
   **General Fund**
   Mr. Bovos – Technology; Chief Denison – Police and Animal Services; Chief Dunn – Fire and EMS; Mr. Glass – Development Services; Mr. Huffman – Streets; Mrs. Stevenson – Parks & Recreation, Parks Maintenance, and Cemetery; Mrs. Lipsey – Library.
   **Water Fund**
   Mr. Huffman – Public Works Administration and Water Distribution.
   **Wastewater Fund**
   Mr. Huffman **-** Facilities Maintenance.

   No action was taken on this item.

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the Mineral Wells Regional Airport Airfield Drainage Study prepared by Garver Engineering and authorize staff to coordinate with the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division to advance the highest-priority drainage improvement project identified within the study.

   Mr. Bovos presented to the Council requesting acceptance of the Mineral Wells Regional Airport Airfield Drainage Study that Garver Engineering has prepared. The request also includes the authorization of staff to coordinate with the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division.

   Mrs. Watson made the motion to accept the drainage study and authorize staff to Coordinate with the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division. Mr. Kelley seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

8. Consider and take appropriate action on a resolution for a Texas Water Development Board Grant and funding for the Master Water Plan.

Mr. Huffman presented the request to consider the resolution.

Mr. Kelley made the motion to approve the resolution to accept the Texas Water Development Board Grant and funding for the Master Water Plan. Mr. Ramsay seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

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

   Mayor Johnson requested the appointment of a subcommittee for the Water Treatment Plant construction.

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 7:55 p.m. to discuss the following:

    a. § 551.071(2): Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, regarding (i) Millsap Water Supply Wholesale Water Contract.

    b. § 551.087: To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City, with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations, and/or to deliberate on the offer of a financial or other incentive to the business prospect, regarding airport projects: (i) Project Flying Car, (ii) Project Produce and (iii) Project Prestige.

11. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:** In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:54 p.m. to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

12. There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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Regan Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon McFadden, City Clerk

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APPROVED