



**CITY OF TATUM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2026
6:00 PM**

Mayor

Michael Henry

City Council

Wendell Moore J.R. Smith
Tate Smith – Mayor ProTem
Robin Palmer
Jonathan Knapp

**City
Secretary**

Jackie
Muckleroy

Mayor Michael Henry – Not Present

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Tate Smith.

Prayer was respectfully observed by all in attendance.

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

Citizen Comments

Ms. Malantha Palmer informed the council that Paul Rivers' home recently caught fire and was destroyed.

She requested community support for the family, noting that they lost all of their belongings.

- Information and updates are available on Facebook
- A support account has been established at Vera Bank
- Donation drop-off locations include:
 - Sonic
 - Bodacious
 - The Palmer residence

Mayor Pro-Tem Tate Smith expressed appreciation for the community's support thus far.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Information Only

Police Department – Sgt. Bobby Jones

- Presented the monthly activity reports.
- Reported that he has successfully submitted **two grants** for the Police Department.
 - Both grant applications were **submitted and accepted** for initial review.
 - They are currently awaiting notification on whether the grants will advance to the next approval phase.
 - Sgt. Jones will provide updates as information becomes available.

Public Works – Michael Morton

Mr. Morton provided updates on:

- Ongoing **water well maintenance**
- **Leak repairs** throughout the system
- **Road repair** projects currently underway

Volunteer Fire Department – Rayford Gibson

- No updates were provided, as EMS personnel were responding to an emergency call at the time of the meeting.

Economic Development Corporation – Nakia Smith

Mr. Smith reported on several initiatives:

- **Pecan Festival:**
 - Continued vendor interest
 - Band bookings in progress
 - Stressed the need for additional volunteers.
 - A marketing campaign is being developed to promote the **Pecan Pit Festival** and other community events
- **Digital Workforce Training Lab:**
 - Discussed plans for the lab, including potential grants and partnerships to support workforce development
- **O'Reilly Project:**
 - Provided updates on permitting progress
 - Land-clearing activities are underway
- **Certifications:**
 - Mr. Smith noted that in the upcoming months, he would be attending training through Lone Star College to take the exam for the PCED Certification. He also plans to obtain his PFIA Certification.

City Administration – Jackie Muckleroy

- Welcomed representatives from **Sabine Oil and Gas:**
 - Anna Wells, Supervisor of Regulatory and Production Accounting
 - Darryl Sturrock, Field Land Coordinator
- Noted that **Mayor Michael Henry** was absent due to a recent family loss. She expressed condolences and encouraged the community to reach out to him.
- Provided updates on:
 - Financials - ongoing **review** and **budget process**
 - **TDA Street Grant**, sharing that she received an email earlier that day confirming the grant is **ready for execution**
- Announced that **Ms. Rebekah Tatum** has been hired as the new **Water Clerk** and is currently in **Phase 1 of training**.
- Opened the floor for questions regarding the **TDA Land Grant** and other financial matters.

Mayor – Michael Henry - not present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Checks and Minutes from last month's meetings

Wendell Moore motioned to approve the checks and minutes from the January meetings. Jonathan Knapp seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approve Election Judge for General Election – May 2026

Wendell Moore motioned to discuss, and JR Smith seconded the motion.

Wendell Moore motioned to approve Rayford Gibson as the Election Judge for the 2026 Election.

JR Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sabine Oil – Approval of new drilling permit applications to add three Helvenston wells to the previously approved well pad.

- Sabine Helvenston C HS (AW) 3H
- Sabine Helvenston D HS (AW) 4H
- Sabine Helvenston D CV (AW) 4H

Ms. Wells & Mr. Sturrock informed the council that they are proposing to expand the pad and drill three (3) more wells. Their goal is to eventually drill another five (5) on that same expansion pad. They are in the ETJ, right off CR 2215. Ms. Wells stated that Commission Kirkendall recommended the route. Mr. Sturrock noted that last year they fixed roads in the city limits due to sand trucks damaging curbs and asked if the city had any other complaints or road issues that needed addressing? JR Smith asked which county roads they planned to access. The following roads were given:

CR 2187

149 to CR 2214D to CR 2215

Ms. Wells stated that they planned to drill throughout the rest of the year.

Ms. Muckleroy asked if their emergency response plans changed due to the additional wells?

Mr. Sturrock stated no, that they remained the same, and that they have people close by.

Ms. Muckleroy asked who the local contact is in the event of an emergency?

Mr. Sturrock would be our contact.

Wendell Moore made a motion to approve the drilling permits to add 3 additional wells to the existing pad.

Jonathan Knapp seconded the motion. All in favor.

Weight limits on city streets

JR made a motion to discuss and Wendell Moore seconded the motion.

JR Smith noted that the roads in question would be all city streets, except for those already designated by county weight limits and county road signs, which the CR 2217 (Hendricks Lake Rd) and CR 2187 (Crystal Farms Rd) CR 2210 (Flanagan Rd) and CR 2216 which is Allen Rd (next to Dennis Williams). These roads are already marked with signs with weight limits of 29 tons and are county road designated.

He shared that he has spoken with Mr. Dennis Williams on more than occasion and that he mention that 34,000 lbs which is 17 tons. Mr. Smith indicated that the only time a loaded truck would be permitted except for deliveries and emergencies. Stated that we would have to redo sign with 17 tons in 4 inch lettering and will need to state that it is by city ordinance. This would apply to all except the aforementioned already designated streets. If a truck is loaded and on the street with the exception of emergency and deliveries, they will be in violation.

Jonathan Knapp made a motion to accept new weight limits on streets with new signs listing 17 tons and that loaded trucks are only allowed for deliveries and emergencies. Signs should be in 4 inch lettering with ordinance information noted.

This motion was seconded by Wendell Moore. All in Favor

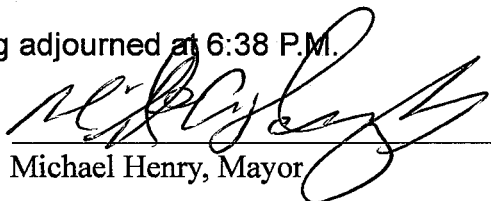
Review and Approve PD Rules and Meeting Regulations

Wendell Moore made a motion to review for approval PD rules and regulation. Jonathan Knapp seconded the motion.

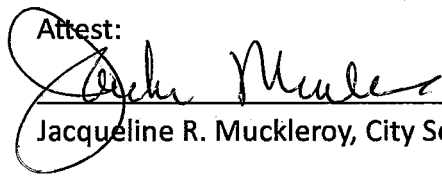
Wendell Moore made a motion to approve PD Rules and Regulations pending attorney approval. JR Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.

Wendell Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by JR Smith. All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.



Michael Henry, Mayor 3/9/26
Date

Attest:


Jacqueline R. Muckleroy, City Secretary/Administrator 3.9.26
Date