

CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

The City Council of the City of Leonard, Texas, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Leonard City Hall, Leonard, Texas.

Mayor Pye called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Charles Wrenn gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag were recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pye; Councilmembers Bobby Hanson, Darrell Grintz, Al Stephens, Billy Wayne Martin, and Charles Wrenn.

Staff Present: City Administrator George Evanko, Public Works Director Woody Patrick, Utility Billing Clerk Morgan McGary, and City Secretary Melissa Verde.

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

OPEN FORUM

Newt Cunningham, County Judge, addressed the Council and audience regarding his campaign and asked citizens for their support. He stated that one of his goals is to help maintain a sustainable water source for the future. He also discussed a petition circulating regarding a centralized system for administering roads, including the potential hiring of an administrator, and encouraged citizens to sign the petition so the matter could be placed on the ballot for public consideration and discussion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator George Evanko briefed the Council on the Police Department's progress on the Records Management System (RMS). He advised that body cameras are also in progress and that the City is applying for one additional grant.

Mr. Evanko also reported on multiple grant projects, including generators for City facilities, and advised that the City is applying for a new downtown revitalization grant through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. He further reported that, regarding a proposed 780-home development, the engineer had asked whether the City wished to relinquish its sewer CCN. He also advised that a meeting had been scheduled regarding The Ridge redevelopment agreement. Councilmembers Bobby Hanson and Darrell Grintz will attend a predevelopment conference with The Ridge regarding project particulars.

Public Works Director Woody Patrick reported that 51 meters remain to be changed out to new meters. He advised that recent rains have not resulted in the sewer backups previously experienced. Mr. Patrick also presented options for this year's road improvement projects, excluding streets that will be impacted by upcoming water and sewer improvement projects. Council requested that Mr. Patrick make a recommendation at the next meeting.

City Secretary Melissa Verde briefed the Council regarding the situation with leasing election equipment from Fannin County and advised that alternatives are being prepared for the May 2, 2026 election.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Bobby Hanson moved to approve Consent Agenda Items a, b, and c. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Darrell Grintz and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**ITEM 8. CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION**

Sheryl Stanley presented the Chamber of Commerce application for the July 4th Picnic event permit, including a request for eight guaranteed RV spaces at the City Park with sewer, shower, and electric accommodations for carnival workers from July 4 through July 14.

Councilmember Al Stephens moved to approve the picnic permit with the eight spaces accommodated. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**ITEM 9. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION
REGARDING METER BOX INSTALLATION POLICY**

Mr. Evanko presented the item for public hearing concerning a policy establishing standards for new water meter box installation and incorporating the policy into the Design Manual and Approved Materials List.

Councilmember Al Stephens moved to open the public hearing. The motion carried, and the public hearing was opened at 7:26 p.m. No one spoke.

The public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

Councilmember Bobby Hanson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 250819-04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Charles Wrenn and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**ITEM 10. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON
ORDINANCE NO. 251021-02**

Councilmember Al Stephens moved to open the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Darrell Grintz. No one spoke.

The public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmember Bobby Hanson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 251021-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Al Stephens and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**ITEM 11. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON
RESOLUTION NO. 260217-01**

Councilmember Al Stephens moved to open the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin.

Mr. Evanko explained the project under consideration was a downtown revitalization grant through the CDBG program.

Councilmember Al Stephens moved to close the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin.

Councilmember Al Stephens then moved to adopt Resolution No. 260217-01. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**ITEM 12. CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 260217-02
REPEALING CURFEW FOR MINORS**

Councilmember Bobby Hanson moved to approve Ordinance No. 260217-02 repealing the curfew for minors. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin and passed unanimously, 5-0.

ITEM 13. CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 260217-03 REGARDING PARK HOURS

Council discussed park hours, establishing hours of closure from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Councilmember Al Stephens moved to adopt Ordinance No. 260217-03 setting park hours as closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin and passed unanimously, 5-0.

ITEM 14. CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 260217-04 REGARDING PARKING REGULATIONS

Council considered an update to the parking ordinance affecting Chapter 12, which was presented as the outcome of the Parking Ordinance Committee's work.

Councilmember Bobby Hanson moved to approve Ordinance No. 260217-04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Al Stephens and passed unanimously, 5-0.

ITEM 15. CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 260217-05 REGARDING ENGINE BRAKES

Councilmember Bobby Hanson moved to approve Ordinance No. 260217-05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin and passed unanimously, 5-0.

ITEM 16. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 260217-06

Council considered Resolution No. 260217-06 regarding the provision of wastewater services to certain facilities in the extraterritorial jurisdiction and CCN, located near the intersection of CR 4830 and CR 4825, for developer Stephen Sellinger.

Councilmember Al Stephens moved to approve Resolution No. 260217-06, opting for the City to provide the sewer service. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin and passed unanimously, 5-0.

ITEM 17. CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 260217-07 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS A&M FORESTRY GRANT

Mr. Patrick presented a grant opportunity for planting trees at the City Park through Texas A&M Forestry, offering up to \$20,000 for trees with an equal City match, either in funds or in-kind contributions.

Councilmember Charles Wrenn moved to approve Resolution No. 260217-07 authorizing application for the Texas A&M Forestry Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Darrell Grintz and passed, 4-1, with Councilmember Bobby Hanson opposed.

ITEM 18. CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 260217-08 APPROVING THE ORDER OF ELECTION

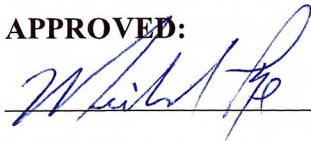
The City Secretary presented the Order of Election for the Mayor and two at-large Councilmember positions.

Councilmember Al Stephens moved to approve Resolution No. 260217-08 approving the Order of Election. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bobby Hanson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

