

City Council Meeting
March 17, 2026
Approved Minutes of Meeting

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rusty Wilson at 18:03 hrs.

Roll Call: Cable, Brewer, Roark and Scheel.

Also Present: Dave Abbott, Haskell Martin, Quade Wilson, Jon Farmer, Cara Sherman, Taylor Dawdy, Sunesis Sears, Joel Mace, Will, Kim Wales and husband, Ruben Harvey and Brandon Bailes

Approval of agenda: Motion made by Cable to approve the agenda, 2nd by Roark. All in favor -motion passed.

Minutes: Unapproved minutes for February 17th, February 23rd and March 9th were presented to council. Motion by Roark, 2nd by Cable to accept minutes from previous minutes. All in favor -motion passed.

Visitor Business/Water Adjustments:

Sakel Peak: Motion to approve adjustment made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark. All in favor-motion passed.

Whistler Flats: Motion to approve adjustments made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark. All in favor-motion passed.

Sugar Creek Realty: Motion to approve adjustment made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark. All in favor-motion passed.

Payment of Bills: Bills totaling \$69,087.45 were presented to council, motion made by Roark, 2nd by Cable. All in favor-motion passed to pay bills. Bank Balances & Payroll was also presented to council. Local Sales Tax Report, Water/Acct. Rec. Analysis & Rec. Analysis & Aged Accts. Rec. Rpt., & Adjustment Rpt. & Court report attached.

Police Report: Police Chief David Abbott was present – report attached. Chief David Abbott told the council that the shooting investigation was done and sent the county PA. The PA has declined to file charges. He also told them that they have submitted charges for two commercial burglaries on Main Street. Chief Abbott told the council that both tahoes have had repair work done on the alternators and the K-9 unit had to have a blower motor replaced. The council asked Chief Abbott about applying for the Blue Sheild Grant, Chief Abbott is looking into this.

Fire Report–Fire Chief David Abbott was present-Report attached. Chief Abbott stated they had 75 calls. The gear has come in, but with the government shut down, no reimbursements are being made at this time. The council asked about a list of how many calls each fire fighter went to. Chief Abbott said that he has to get a report from 911.

Utility Report: Assistant Public Works supervisor Brandon Bailes was present -report attached. Brandon reported that the contractors have started replacing the water lines and they have already hit a line and they had to put a repair clamp on it. The council inquired about who would be responsible for paying for the replacement parts. This will be investigated. Brandon reported that they had a couple of emergency water leaks last month. They have also completed some projects at the sewer plant. They are still trying to coordinate everything to get the leak fixed at the water tower. Brandon told the council that they have got on easement approved for the building replacement, but another owner wants money. We are going to check on survey pricing. Brandon also reported that they had gotten the quotes for the motor for the mower. Brandon discussed with the council raising the pricing for water meter installations. He said that it costs about \$1,925.00 for parts and labor and we are currently only charging \$1,000.00. Motion to set meter installation prices at \$2,000.00 for a ¾" meter and \$2,500.00 for a 1" meter made by Cable, 2nd by Brewer. All in favor-motion passed. Brandon also brought up doing a water rate increase since parts and everything else is going on. Another idea would be a leak adjustment fee. This will be investigated and discussed later. Brandon asked if it was okay to do the mileage and hours on the equipment quarterly, the council agreed. Brandon did discuss the Cottage Brook sewer system, but more on that later.

Summer Ball Program: Summer Ball director Cara Sherman was present-report attached. Cara told the council that they were having their coaches meeting this week and the player count is up. Concrete should be done for the building tomorrow. Cara asked Haskell Martin if it was ok to use the church's field for practice and if a port a potty could be placed there. He said it was okay. Cara told the council that some of the coaches were wanting to do a tournament on June 27th, the same day as the fireworks.

Building Inspector:

Aaron Parker was not present. The council brought up the property owned by Metro on B 71. They said it did not look good after the rain. Rusty did send some pictures to Scott after speaking to Aaron.

Old Business:

Media Com Lease:

Still no response from MediaCom. Council would like to send a letter or call someone.

Jon Farmer-Cottage Brook Sewer System:

The inspection was completed. Alderman Scheel would like to call DNR to see if they need to inspect it. Brandon did say that fencing, gates, lightening arrestors and easements need to be completed. Motion to approve the take over of the system as long as all the above conditions are met made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark. All in favor-motion passed. There was some discussion about the fencing. Brandon said that it needs to be six foot with three strands of barbed wire at the top. He said he will check to see what size gates will need to be installed and what kind of lightening arrestors to use.

Jon Farmner-Sewer Plant Lease:

Jon said thank you but no thank you. The lease was a little too extensive and he didn't want to get into all of that.

Adding more fire fighters:

Chief Abbott is going to wait until the audit to get some clarification.

New Business:

Ruben Harvey Re: RV Spots:

Ruben presented the building permit from Marcus. The council will look into this and get an answer.

Carlin Morris:

Not present

John Sellers:

Not present

Homeless Issue:

Chief Abbott did not look into this. He will have information ready for the next meeting.

Meter Installation Price:

This was discussed under the utility part of the meeting.

Line of credit payment:

Motion to pay \$1,000.00 made by Roark, 2nd by Brewer. All in favor -motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion made by Roark, 2nd by Brewer All in favor - motion passed 20:17

Respectfully submitted by,
Andrea Bethel, City Clerk



Mayor Rusty Wilson