

City Council Meeting
April 21, 2026
Approved Minutes of Meeting

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

Roll Call: Cable, Brewer and Roark. Scheel absent

Also Present: Dave Abbott, Haskell Martin, Jon Farmer, Will, Ruben Harvey, Glory, Jayme Keeling, Misty Farmer and Joel Mace

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

Minutes: Unapproved minutes for March 17th 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:

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

Valerie McCarty: Council requested more information.

James & Judy Hopkins: Motion to approve made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark. All in favor-motion passed.

Kalista Mustain: Motion to approve made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark. All in favor-motion passed.

Levi Sanny: Motion to approve made by Roark, 2nd by Brewer. All in favor-motion passed.

Payment of Bills: Bills totaling \$51,957.22 were presented to council, motion made by Cable, 2nd by Brewer. 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 had nothing to report.

Fire Report–Fire Chief David Abbott was present-Report attached. Chief Abbott stated they had 83 calls. Everything is going good. Chief Abbott presented information on a new fire truck. It is in New York. He wants to look at financing options. Motion to check into financing options made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark. All in favor-motion passed.

Utility Report: Public Works supervisor Ben Shoemaker was present -report attached. Ben reported that the leak in the water tower has been repaired. The Main Lift Station is having a lot of problems. Ben has called the manufacturer to come down and go over it. He is wanting to retro fit everything so the system

will work better. Ben is unsure of the cost. A new drop in system was anywhere between \$90,000 and \$95,000.00. Ben also reported that the DNR inspection went well and the new guy is working out great.

Summer Ball Program: Summer Ball director Cara Sherman was not present-report attached. Games start on Saturday and go to June 16th for the regular season. The dugouts are done, just needs a roof. The indoor batting cage building is up, just needs metal and that will be done once some money comes in.

Building Inspector:

Aaron Parker was not present. The Council asked about the old Dairy Queen building. There is a structure there that wasn't there before.

Old Business:

Media Com Lease:

Jayme Keeling was present. He said that Mediacom will pay \$1608.00 past due and the \$1196.65 yearly. Alderman Brewer did not like that offer. He told Mr. Keeling that the last offer sent was \$10,000.00 per year. Mr. Keeling said that he would let them know.

Jon Farmer-Cottage Brook Sewer System:

Jon Farmer was present. The homeowners did not want the fence installed. Jon said that the residents would be willing to add the sewer money to the HOA fees and take care of it that way. Motion to remove the sewer charges from Cottage Brook Circle accounts made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark. All in favor-motion passed.

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.

Homeless Issue:

The document that was sent from Newton County was more of a mental health guideline.

Ruben Harvey Re: RV Spots:

Chief Abbott is still trying to get clarification on the matter.

New Business:

Elected Officials:

Mayor Wilson, Alderman Cable and Alderman Roark were sworn in.

Mayor Pro Tem:

Motion to elect David Roark Mayor Pro Tem made by Cable, 2nd by Brewer. All in favor-motion passed.

Appoint Municipal Judge:

Motion to appoint Erin Willis as municipal judge made by Roark, 2nd by Cable. All in favor-motion passed.

Appoint Prosecuting Attorney:

Motion to appoint Jonathan Pierce as prosecuting attorney made by Roark, 2nd by Cable. All in favor-motion passed.

Appoint Planning Commission:

List attached. Motion to appoint planning commission made by Roark, 2nd by Cable. All in favor-motion passed.

Renew Health Insurance:

Motion to renew the plan that we currently have made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark. All in favor-motion passed.

Line of credit payment:

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

Matt Stewart:

Matt Stewart was present to give the Council information on asphalt repair and chip seal. He does offer free quotes.

Harry S Truman Update:

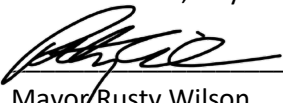
Carrie Campbell was present to give an update on grants. She said that they are going to resubmit the application for the sewer lift station and water main project. She also listed out other grants that we could apply for.

Resolution R2026R-4-21:

Resolution read entirely. Motion to approve made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark. All in favor-motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion made by Brewer, 2nd by Roark All in favor - motion passed 19:27.

Respectfully submitted by,
Andrea Bethel, City Clerk



Mayor Rusty Wilson