

P.O. Box 176  
105 North Pecan  
Roxton, Texas 75477



903-346-3535  
Fax: 903-346-3759  
Email: cityofroxton@yahoo.com

## City Council Minutes June 16, 2026

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Helms at 6:30 pm at City Hall. Present were council members, Stacey Crabtree, Debbie Hindman, Gene Jones, and Secretary Christy Chewning. Absent Shirley Cooper.

Guests present were Jason Hargrove, Penny Kelly,  
Curtis Graham

### Citizen Comment

Jason Hargrove reported sewer line problems at his residence and at neighboring properties on Pecan Street. The city will seek bids to replace the cast iron sewer lines.

### Bank Statements, Minutes, and Budget

The May 2026 minutes were read. Councilwoman Hindman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Gene Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The May 2026 Bank statement were presented. Councilman Gene Jone made a motion to accept the statements. Councilwomen Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Council reviewed the past-due water bills.

The Council reviewed the fiscal budget. Councilwoman Hindman made a motion to accept the fiscal budget. Councilman Gene Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### Water, Sewer, Trash, and Fee Rates

The Council approved the adoption of new City water, sewer, trash, and late-fee rates.

- Current base water and sewer rates were \$39.50 each for the first 2,000 gallons.
- Current overage rates were \$6.25 per 1,000 gallons for water and \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons for sewer.
- The new base water and sewer rates will be \$41.00 each.
- The water overage rate will increase to \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons; the sewer overage rate will remain \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons.
- Residential trash rates will increase to 15.00 plus tax 1.24 total \$ 16.24
- Dumpster rates will increase to \$135.22 for a 4-cubic-yard dumpster and \$208.00 for an 8-cubic-yard dumpster.

- Late fees will increase from \$5.00 to \$15.00.
- Trash service tax remains 8.25%.
- The new rates will take effect August 1, 2026, to allow time for customer notification.

#### Pecan Street Water and Infrastructure

The Council discussed water and infrastructure concerns on Pecan Street. Councilwoman Hindman made a motion to table the discussion pending grant approval. Councilman Gene Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Grant Approvals for Water Project

Councilman Gene Jones made a motion to approve GrantWorks for administration services for the CCCD grant and to approve Hayter Engineering for engineering services.

The grant application must be submitted to TDA by July 15, 2026. Inclusion in the minutes, confirmation, and required signatures are needed to meet the deadline.

Councilwoman Hindman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Community Center Rental Rates

Councilwoman Hindman made a motion to approve the Community Center rental rates in alignment with the Community Center policy. The standard rental rate is \$75.00, with a grandfathered rate of \$40.00 for specified existing groups. A two-day rental for special set-up accommodation is \$150.00. Councilman Gene Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Fourth of July Fireworks Request

The Roxton Ex-Students asked whether the City could donate funds for the Fourth of July fireworks if the Boom Ride fundraiser falls short of the \$3,000 goal. Councilwoman Hindman made a motion to wait until after the ride to determine how much money is raised.

Councilwoman Crabtree seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Generator Transfer Switch

The Council discussed the generator transfer switch and agreed to communicate with Cody Jones about obtaining the needed part without bundled technician service.

#### Executive Session

The Council moved into executive session at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

#### Personnel Matters

The City Council approved the following personnel actions:

- A new hire at an hourly rate of \$15.00.
- A \$2.00 hourly raise for Maintenance Worker II.
- A \$4,680.00 annual raise and a title change from City Secretary to City Manager.

## Real Property Lease

The Council reviewed the 99-year lease proposal for PAHHA. After the City Attorney read the lease agreement, the Council approved the lease.

Councilwoman Crabtree made a motion to adjourn, Councilmen  
Gene Jones second the motion. Motion passes

Paul Helms, Mayor

Date 7/22/26

Minutes submitted by

Christy Chewning, Secretary

Date 7/22/26

