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City Council Minutes
October 21, 2025

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Helms at 6:30 pm at City Hall. Present were council members Shirley Cooper, Stacey Crabtree, Debbie Hindman, Gene Jones and Secretary Christy Chewning. Councilman Cody Jones was absent. Visitors were Penny Kelly, Ed Mottweiler and Vanessa Mottweiler.

During citizen input Penny Kelly addressed the council: "How has the online payment of water bills increased timely payments? Is there any data on its success?" Secretary Chewning reported that the online bill payment system has helped citizens pay their bills in a timely manner and that about 48% of water customers are using the online system.

The September 2025 city council minutes were read. Councilwoman Cooper made a motion to correct a name and approve the minutes. Councilwoman Hindman seconded. Motion carried.

The September 2025 bank statements were presented. Councilwoman Hindman made a motion to approve the statements. Councilman Gene Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The council discussed the need to update its contract with QuickBooks to provide more bookkeeping and payroll options for the city. After discussion, Councilwoman Hindman made a motion to approve updating the QuickBooks contract. Councilman Gene Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The council discussed several maintenance items that need to be performed: install new water meters in several locations, trim trees on the school campus that are impeding mowing and remove a dead tree. Councilwoman Hindman made a motion to have the tree work performed. Councilwoman Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The council moved into executive session at 7:05 to discuss the sale or lease of real property.

The council reconvened in open session at 7:25. Councilwomen Hindman and Cooper will meet with the city attorney to discuss the city's options when leasing property.

Secretary Chewning presented the Monthly Improvement and Maintenance Report.

Councilwoman Hindman made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Gene Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes approved by

Paul Helms, Mayor Paul Helms Date 11-25-25

Minutes submitted by

Christy Chewning, Secretary Christy Chewning Date 11-25-25