

City Council Minutes
May 16, 2025

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Helms at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. Present were council members Shirley Cooper, Stacey Crabtree, Debbie Hindman, Cody Jones, Gene Jones and City Manager/Council Secretary Janet Wheeler. Visitors were Jamie Mottweiler, Charlotte Yorkson, Daniel Rivas, Anissa DeJoux, Alex Greenberg, Curtis Graham, Lori Ferrell.

Janet Wheeler conducted the swearing in of the newly elected council members: Paul Helms, Mayor, Cody Jones, Councilman, Gene Jones, Councilman.

Citizen Input: Jamie Mottweiler updated the council on the Splash into Summer Event. She shared that approval had been received from TxDot to close the highway from Honey Grove St. to Second Street for 4 hours during the event. Traffic can still access Harrison Street in front of downtown businesses.

The April 2025 bank statements were presented. Councilwoman Cooper moved to accept the statements. Councilman Cody Jones seconded. Motion approved.

The April 2025 city council minutes were read. Councilman Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman Gene Jones seconded. Motion approved.

The council reviewed the past due water bills.

Mayor Helms called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Gene Jones nominated Councilman Cody Jones. Councilwoman Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion approved.

David Rivas, director of Backyard Races, spoke to the council about the concept of the Backyard Race and his desire to hold a Backyard Race on Roxton's portion of the NETT June 7, 2025. He met with the Roxton Friends of the NETT Committee and shared the logistics of the race and race day activities. The council agreed this would be good publicity for the NETT and for the city. Councilwoman Cooper made a motion to approve the event. Councilman Gene Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Cooper gave an update on the progress of Carroll's Tree Service. The company will continue the work on the designated streets and hope to complete the project in the next two weeks.

Alex Greenberg presented his desire to construct a community garden, preferably in an area close to downtown. At this time, he has a couple of locations in mind and is working to finalize the options. The plan is for raised beds to be planted and tended with community

volunteers and the produce shared with the community. He has applied for financial backing through grants. This presentation was informational at this time, and no action was required.

Lori Ferrell, representing the newly formed Garden Girls, also made a brief presentation to the council on the group's desire to establish a community garden. This was also an informational presentation with no action requested.

Charlotte Yorkson, Chairman of CRCDC Corn Fest 2025, presented the date and details for Corn Fest, September 20, 2025. She shared details that the event will be much like previous fall festivals with vendors and entertainment throughout the day. When details are finalized, she will submit the required paperwork to the city. Councilwoman Hindman made a motion to approve the event. Councilman Cody Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Constable Curtis Graham presented a plan to hold a community wide safety meeting addressing citizen concerns about dirt bikes and 4x4s on city streets. The meeting would be held at one of PAHAA's gyms on June 12 at 6:30 pm. He would like as many of the council to attend as possible. Councilwoman Hindman made a motion to approve the event. Councilman Gene Jones seconded. Motion carried.

City Manager Wheeler presented the Sanitation Solution price increase information. Councilman Gene Jones made a motion to accept the proposed increase. Councilman Cody Jones seconded. Motion carried.

City Manager Wheeler presented the Monthly Maintenance Report.

Councilwoman Crabtree made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gene Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes approved by

Paul Helms, Mayor

Paul Helms

Date

6/24/25

Minutes submitted by

Janet Wheeler, Secretary

Shirley Cooper
(Sub. for JW)

Date

6/24/25