

**ROSEBUD CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers, Rosebud City Hall
202 S College Street, Rosebud, TX**

August 31, 2026, 6:30 PM

MINUTES

I. Open Meeting and Roll Call.

- **Mayor Marlene Zipperlen called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Council Members in attendance were CM Stacy Maness, CM Marla Wallace, CM Sharon Skupin, and CM Isabel McBee. CM Owen Smith joined the meeting at 6:08 pm. Absent was CM Randy Burton. Also attending were Mayor Marlene Zipperlen, City Administrator (CM) Kenny Ray Murray, and City Secretary Cynthia Gibbs.**

II. Certify Posting.

- **City Secretary, Cynthia Gibbs certified the agenda was posted at 202 S College Street on August 25, 2026, at 6:00 pm.**

III. Citizen Participation: Citizens Comments (3mins.) on Agenda items. *Speaker shall address the presiding officer and not any individual council member, or staff member. Texas Open Meetings Act sec. 551.041, the council cannot discuss, deliberate or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. City Council may refer speaker to City staff for research, resolution, or referral for future agenda.*

- **Deborah Miller spoke against the tax rate.**
- **James Johnson spoke about pot holes and overgrown properties.**
- **Diane Pagel spoke against the tax rate and previous water rate increase.**
- **Anthony Vasquez spoke against the tax rate.**
- **Mary Vasquez Gamble spoke about overgrown properties and rodents.**
- **Franchetta Johnson spoke about overgrown and abandoned properties.**
- **Richard Packard spoke about using water sale income to improve our city.**

IV. Public Hearing. Conduct a Public Hearing on the adoption of the proposed budget for the City of Rosebud for FY 2026-2027:

- a. Speak in favor
- b. Speak in opposition
- c. Questions by citizens
- d. Close public hearing
 - **Public hearing was closed at 6:58 pm.**

V. Discussion and consider action to approve Ordinance No. 26083101 adopting the annual budget for FY 2026-2027.

- **CM Wallace made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26083101 adopting the annual budget for FY 2026-2027.**
- **CM Skupin seconded the motion.**
- **The record vote was as follows: CM Maness-Yes, CM Wallace-Yes, CM Smith-Yes, CM Skupin-Yes, CM McBee-Yes, and CM Burton-Absent.**

VI. Discussion and consider action to approve Ordinance No. 26083102 adopting the 2026 ad valorem tax rate.

- **CM Smith made the following motion to approve Ordinance No. 26083102 adopting the 2026 ad valorem tax rate: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.92500 per \$100 of taxable valuation of property, which is effectively a 23.57 percent increase in the tax rate".**
- **CM Wallace seconded the motion.**
- **The record vote was as follows: CM Maness-Yes, CM Wallace-Yes, CM Smith-Yes, CM Skupin-Yes, CM McBee-Yes, and CM Burton-Absent.**

VII. **Executive Session.** Notice is hereby given that the City Council will convene a closed meeting as authorized by Sec. 551.074 of the Tex. Gov't. Code (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of:

- A. David Ernst, Chief of Police;
- B. Cynthia Gibbs, City Secretary; and
- C. Kenny Ray Murray, City Administrator.

- **The City Council convened in Executive Session at 7:05 pm.**

VIII. Reconvene open meeting and discuss and consider action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of:

- A. David Ernst, Chief of Police;
- B. Cynthia Gibbs, City Secretary; and
- C. Kenny Ray Murray, City Administrator.

- **The City Council re-convened in Open Session at 9:13 pm.**
- **CM Skupin made a motion to continue the employment of:**
 - A. David Ernst, Chief of Police;
 - B. Cynthia Gibbs, City Secretary; and
 - C. Kenny Ray Murray, City Administrator.
- **CM Smith seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

IX. Future agenda items.

- **None.**

X. Adjourn

- **CM Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**
- **CM McBee seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed unanimously (5-0) and Mayor Zipperlen adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.**


Marlene Zipperlen, Mayor


Attest: Cynthia Gibbs, City Secretary