



City of Wichita Falls City Council Meeting Minutes August 4, 2026

1. Call to Order

The City Council of the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, met in a regular session on the above date in the Seminar Room at the MPEC with the following members present.

Mayor Short called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Mayor Tim Short
Councilor At-large Austin Cobb
Councilor District 1 Whitney Flack
Councilor District 3 Jeff Browning
Mayor Pro Tem/Councilor District 4 Mike Battaglini
Councilor District 5 Tom Taylor

Absent: Councilor District 2 Robert Brooks

2. Invocation

Minister Ben Williams, Edgemere Church of Christ, gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Short led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Presentations

- a) Employee of the Month
This item was moved to the next meeting because the employee was unavailable.
- b) Proclamation - American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State Day - Shanna Miller, American Legion Auxiliary
- c) Proclamation - American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State Day - Libby Harp, American Legion Auxiliary

Mayor Short presented items 4a and 4b together and read a proclamation proclaiming August 4, 2026, as American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State Day in Wichita Falls, Texas.

d) Proclamation - National Health Center Week, Community Healthcare Center
Mayor Short read a proclamation proclaiming August 2 - 8, 2026, as National Health Center Week in Wichita Falls, Texas.

e) Proclamation - Falls Town FC 07/08 Girls Day, Falls Town FC 07/08 Girls
Mayor Short read a proclamation proclaiming July 11, 2026, as Falls Town FC 07/08 Girls Day in Wichita Falls, Texas.

5. Citizen Comments

Leilani Barnett spoke in support of public education and expressed concerns about the effects of school voucher programs on public school enrollment and funding. She emphasized the importance of adequately funding public schools and encouraged support for candidates who prioritize public education.

Gloria Rangel reported recurring sewer backups in her home and requested assistance, explaining that she is no longer physically or financially able to clean the affected area. Staff stated that Risk Management had investigated the claim and determined the City was not negligent or liable for the damage.

Crystal Washington expressed concern about the City's response to the previous speaker and encouraged staff to help connect elderly residents with available resources. She also raised concerns about housing conditions, infrastructure, and what she described as inequitable investment in the Eastside. Ms. Washington urged the Council to consider the needs of Eastside residents when discussing litigation, development funding, and future City priorities.

Stephen Garner recognized Frank & Joe's for its 10th anniversary and highlighted the opening and record-setting early sales of The Peach Cobbler Factory. He praised the owners' investment in Wichita Falls and encouraged support for local businesses.

Mike Mitchell, 1805 10th Street, recognized his daughter, Lorelei Mitchell, for completing basic cadet training at the United States Air Force Academy. On her behalf, he presented Academy challenge coins to Mayor Short and Councilor Battaglino in appreciation for helping her pursue her goal of attending the Academy.

Consent Agenda Items 6-9

Moved by Councilor Battaglino to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Taylor and, with no comments or questions from the public, carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Mayor Short, Councilor Cobb, Councilor Flack, Councilor Browning, Councilor Battaglino, Councilor Taylor
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) City Council Meeting, July 21, 2026

7. Receive Minutes

- a) Lake Wichita Revitalization Committee, March 10, 2026
- b) Wichita Falls Economic Development (4A), April 29, 2026
- c) Employee Benefits Trust Board, May 5, 2026
- d) Wichita Falls 4B Sales Tax Corporation (WF4BSTC), May 7, 2026
- e) Wichita Falls Economic Development Corporation (4A), May 21, 2026
- f) Wichita Falls 4B Sales Tax Corporation (WF4BSTC), June 4, 2026

8. Ordinances

- a) Ordinance 33-2026 calling a General Election by the qualified voters of the City of Wichita Falls to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilor District 3, Councilor District 4, and Councilor District 5; and authorizing a contract with Wichita County to furnish election services and equipment

9. Resolutions

- a) Resolution 75-2026 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional service agreement with Nelco Media, LLC for \$221,332.90 for PIO Office studio reassembly
- b) Resolution 76-2026 making appointments to various Boards and Commissions

- c) Resolution 77-2026 approving the programs and expenditures of the Wichita Falls Type B Sales Tax Corporation (4B) by authorizing funding up to \$24,000 to OG Cellars LLC to assist with fire suppression system upgrades at their new tasting room at 2611 Plaza Parkway (Century Plaza) in Wichita Falls
- d) Resolution 78-2026 approving the programs and expenditures of the Wichita Falls Type B Sales Tax Corporation (4B) by authorizing funding up to \$366,806 to the City of Wichita Falls to assist in an overhaul of the City's outdoor warning system (tornado sirens)
- e) Resolution 79-2026 approving the programs and expenditures of the Wichita Falls Economic Development Corporation (WFEDC, 4A) by authorizing funding up to \$128,000 to Wichita Falls Manufacturing, Inc. to assist in the retention of the existing workforce located at the company's facility at 2000 Old Burkburnett Hwy in Wichita Falls

Regular Agenda

10. Public Hearing and Ordinance

- a) Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Ordinance 34-2026 rezoning +/- 8.14 acres of land located at 2944 Seymour Hwy. (23.32 acres out of Abstract 377, J V Wheeler and Business Personal Property) from General Commercial (GC) to a Manufactured Home Residential (MHR) zoning district to allow for an RV park expansion

Mayor Short opened the public hearing at 9:03 a.m.

Fabian Medellin, Director of Development Services, presented a request to rezone approximately eight acres of the Wichita Falls RV Park property on Seymour Highway from General Commercial to Manufactured Housing Residential to allow expansion of the existing park and establish one consistent zoning designation for the tract. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval. Eleven notices were sent to adjacent property owners, with one response received in favor and none in opposition.

Councilor Browning confirmed this would be a permanent expansion.

Mayor Short closed the public hearing at 9:08 a.m.

Moved by Councilor Battaglino to approve Ordinance 34-2026 rezoning +/- 8.14 acres

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The motion was seconded by Councilor Taylor and, with no comments or questions from the public, carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Mayor Short, Councilor Cobb, Councilor Flack, Councilor Browning, Councilor Battaglino, Councilor Taylor
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

11. Resolutions

- a) Resolution 80-2026 authorizing a contract for the replacement of the City's Outdoor Warning System through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Purchasing Cooperative to OmniWarn LLC, in the amount of \$1,834,032

Moved by Councilor Battaglino to approve Resolution 80-2026 authorizing a contract for the replacement of the City's Outdoor Warning System through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Purchasing Cooperative to OmniWarn LLC, in the amount of \$1,834,032.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Cobb. and, with no comments or questions from the public, carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Mayor Short, Councilor Cobb, Councilor Flack, Councilor Browning, Councilor Battaglino, Councilor Taylor
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

- b) Resolution 81-2026 authorizing the City Manager to award bid and contract for the 2026 Asphalt Rehabilitation Project to Freeman Paving, L.L.C. in the amount of \$2,274,352.95

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The motion was seconded by Councilor Cobb and, with no comments or questions from

the public, carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Mayor Short, Councilor Cobb, Councilor Flack, Councilor Browning, Councilor Battaglino, Councilor Taylor
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

12. Other Council Matters

- a) Announcements concerning items of community interest from members of the City Council. No action will be taken or discussed.

Councilor Cobb reminded everyone to slow down in school zones as the new school year begins, wished students and staff a successful year, and expressed his appreciation for everyone who attended the meeting.

Councilor Flack echoed the reminder to slow down in school zones and watch for children. She thanked staff and expressed support for the siren project, noting the value of the project timeline and long-term maintenance plan in improving public safety.

Councilor Browning stated that the meeting was positive and expressed his appreciation.

Councilor Taylor agreed that it was a positive meeting and said the proclamations served as a reminder that Wichita Falls is a great city for families to build their lives. He discussed quality of life as an important responsibility of government and praised the progress made in using the Capital Improvement Plan as a meaningful tool for funding and implementation. He also emphasized that good, safe streets are important for children traveling to and from school and for residents walking in their neighborhoods.

Councilor Battaglino highlighted the opening of The Peach Cobbler Factory, the upcoming McNiel Elementary ribbon cutting, and Thursday's Art Walk. He also announced that ghost bikes honoring McKaylee Reese and Kevin Reese would be placed near Bacon Switch Road and FM 1954 next Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. and encouraged the public to attend and remain mindful of cyclists. He concluded by recognizing Councilor Flack, Chief Melton, and John Henderson for their work on the outdoor warning siren project.

Mayor Short thanked staff for ensuring the outdoor warning siren project met public safety standards. He offered condolences following the death of Coach Bell and recognized Officer Jaden Escobedo and the Wichita County Sheriff's Office for assisting with the funeral services. He also clarified that the reported sewer backup had been investigated and was determined not to be caused by the City.

13. Executive Sessions

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 9:46 a.m. in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.071 and §551.087.

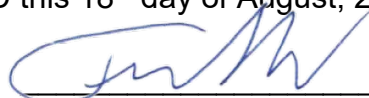
- a) Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code § 551.087, to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations and/or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect (including, but not limited to, OG Cellars LLC and Wichita Falls Manufacturing, Inc.)
- b) Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.071, consultation with attorney on matters involving pending or contemplated litigation or other matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act (including, but not limited to, Victoria Lang litigation demand letter).

Mayor Short reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:12 a.m. and stated that no votes or polls were taken, and the proceedings would remain confidential as provided by law.

14. Adjourn

Mayor Short adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of August, 2026.



Tim Short, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marie Balthrop, TRMC, MMC
City Clerk