

City of Sulphur Springs

Regular Council Meeting

April 16th, 2026, 7pm

Mayor Driver called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Present: Bill Medley, Bill Middleton, Jen Thurlo, Taylor Thompson, Wes Hendren

Absent: Mike Larson

Open Forum: Pastor Gary Osbourn said that he has made multiple attempts to contact the city inspector so that the church can move forward with their building project but has had no response. The mayor said that he is currently looking for a new city inspector to work for the city to replace the current inspector.

Financials: Bill Medley moved to accept financials as presented for March, Taylor Thompson seconded, all in favor.

Minutes: For March 19th Regular council meeting: Bill Middleton moved to accept, Wes Hendren seconded, all in favor

Departments:

Fire: Monthly stats were read by Chief Josh Greer. He said that the department has 600' of new hoses made possible with the donation that they received from the Benton County Stone.

Police: Monthly stats were read by Chief Jarod Morgan. Ordinance enforcement will be handled by officer Matthew West.

Street: No updates

Water: Nicky asked the council to vote on whether the city can get out of contract with Shift4 immediately. The cost is less to break contract than to stay in until the contract ends. Taylor Thompson voted to terminate the contract immediately, Bill Middleton seconded, All in favor. Nicky then presented Square as a replacement for printing receipts in the office. Wes Hendren voted to accept going with Square, Taylor Thompson seconded, Bill Middleton said that we should consider financing the purchase as long as there was no interest in doing so, all in favor.

Commissions:

Library: Carrie read library stats in place of Melinda

Museum: no updates

Park Commission: Nicky reported that Benton Co extension services came out and assessed the lake and koi pond. The lake needs better underwater structures for fish to hide in. They recommended emptying the lake only every 3yrs. The koi pond needs to be emptied and cleaned out yearly. Bill Medley said that the park is creating a project to clean out and possibly rebuild the volleyball court. Farmer's market begins May 2nd.

Recorder/Treasurer Reports: No updates

Mayor's Reports: Mayor Michael Driver said that he received a letter of intent from someone who wanted to buy land that the city owns. The council discussed the two lots. Habitat for humanity was interested at one point in the property on Spring St. by the tracks. Council asked the mayor to reach out to them and see if they would consider swapping the land that they own for the city property at 216 S. Duff Ave. Then the city would own two lots on Spring St. next to the track as potential use for a historical location or park in the future.

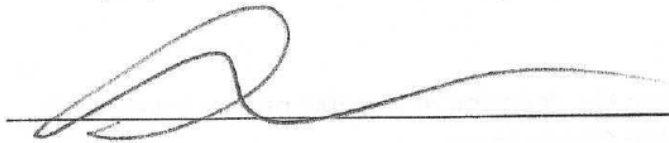
Planning/Zoning: No updates

Old Business: The mayor addressed commercial fire dues and presented a revised ordinance 26-003. The council discussed areas they would want changed and will revisit it next month. Taylor Thompson motioned to table the ordinance, Wes Hendren seconded, all in favor.

New Business: The mayor said that he has been in contact with Cards on getting dumpsters for a city clean-up day in May for Sulphur Springs residents. He will get a list of what is allowed and then get the information out to the public.

Eric Wolfe addressed the council about wanting to bring his business from Gravette to Sulphur Springs. He has land at 701 Flickinger and wants to build a storage building. The council said he needs to submit building plans at the next council meeting and that his property will need to be rezoned to residential/commercial.

At 7:58 pm, Jen Thurlo motioned to adjourn, Wes Hendren seconded, all in favor



Mayor Driver



Recorder/Treasurer