

City of Sulphur Springs

Regular Council Meeting

March 19th 2026, 7pm

Mayor Driver called the meeting to order at 7pm

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

Absent: Wes Hendren, Mike Larson

Open Forum: Pastor Gary Osbourn asked about building codes for doing an addition of a handicap bathroom onto the Baptist church. Inspector Troy will need to be contacted by Gary to get that information and oversee the project.

Jen Kessler addressed the council about an issue she has had since December of 2025. She handed out an official grievance letter to the council that was present and stated that she would like a letter that is in her police file that was placed in there by former mayor Shane Weber and current police chief Jarod Morgan to be removed and that she would like to be reinstated onto the voluntary fire department.

Financials: Bill Medley moved to accept financials as presented for February, Jen Thurlo seconded, all in favor.

Minutes: For Feb 19th Regular council meeting: Bill Medley moved to accept, Taylor Thompson seconded, all in favor

Departments:

Fire: Chief Josh Greer read the monthly stats. He said that the department has completed 2 trainings last week. The department has received 7 air-packs donated to them from Benton Co fire ward as well as 2 financial donations from other companies. The cost to replace fire hoses has also been donated so they can get new ones in the near future. The tornado siren will be picked up next week and installed as soon as possible. There was discussion as to whether or not there was enough in the fire budget to raise the fire run amount from the current \$10 per run to \$12 per run. The council said that it was up to the fire chief's discretion as long as it's within budget.

Police: Monthly stats were read by Capt. Josh Greer. The Tahoe had a radiator replacement.

Street: No updates

Water: Nicky announced that the website is up and running and that the first of two trainings on the site have been completed. Once the second training is done, the website will be announced and promoted to the public. She let council know that the water meter grant that we applied for was officially denied.

Commissions:

Library: Carrie spoke on behalf of Melinda and said that the library goal was met for the year though the Souper fundraiser that was held and Altrusa donated \$1,000.00 this year for books.

Museum: no updates

Park Commission: Bill Medley stated that the commission is focusing on the farmers market that will be opening in May and they are also looking into improvements for camping/RV sites. They are also working with Fish and Game to improve our lake and Koi pond. Great Strides Trail will begin work May 1st. Wood Ave and Mountain Rd are now back open after gravel was put in and smoothed out.

Recorder/Treasurer Reports: No updates

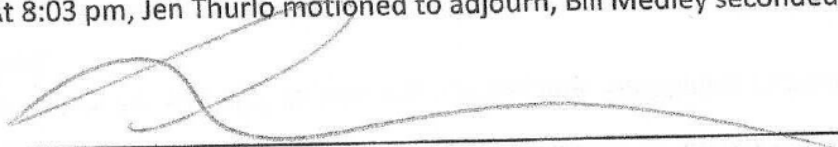
Mayor's Reports: Mayor Michael Driver said that he is working on getting IRS to settle with back taxes. He is talking to our lawyer and trying to get a transcript to see if we have paid off the principal that was owed and what is still remaining.

Planning/Zoning: No updates

Old Business: The mayor addressed commercial fire dues and asked council what they wanted to do if anything to revise them. City attorney, Paul Gregory, stated that clear definitions in each category of fire dues is essential and that the dues are voluntary needs to be stated on the actual letter sent out to residents. The mayor said that he would reach out to municipal and cc all the council members to be able to ask questions through email. Paul Gregory suggested that a draft ordinance be presented next month and that the council keep revising each month until all are satisfied. Until a new ordinance can be agreed upon and signed into effect, fire dues will be held to the current fire due ordinance that is in place.

New Business: Ordinance 26-002 was presented to the council. It is a revision of ordinance 25-004 on building permits. Paul read by title only. Bill Middleton motioned to accept as read, Jen Thurlo seconded, no discussion, all in favor

At 8:03 pm, Jen Thurlo motioned to adjourn, Bill Medley seconded, all in favor



Mayor Driver



Recorder/Treasurer