

**City of Southmayd, Texas**  
Minutes of February 17, 2026  
Regular City Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Southmayd, Texas met on this date at 6:00 p.m. for a regular City Council meeting. City Council members present were Mayor Debra Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Horstman, Briana Monroe, Mark Everett and Teresa Miller. City Staff present was City Secretary Amanda McGill, Chief Laughlin and Chief Thetford.

**Agenda**

**A. CALL TO ORDER & Declaration of a Quorum:**

Mayor Thompson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., February 17, 2026.

**B. PLEDGE TO FLAG and INVOCATION:**

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman led the pledge to flag and invocation.

**C. WELCOME GUESTS:**

All guests were welcomed.

**D. PUBLIC FORUM:**

No public forum.

**E. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION: *(No Action)***

**F. CONSENT AGENDA & STAFF REPORTS**

*\*Consent agenda items are routine in nature and may be acted upon in one motion without discussion unless a Council Member or a citizen requests a specific item be discussed and voted on separately.*

1. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the City Council minutes for January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting and February 11, 2026, Special Meeting.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the consent agenda and staff reports, and to schedule a special meeting to discuss city personnel in executive session. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**G. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on presentation of the January 2026 financial statements and report of accounts by Joe Madden, CPA.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the January 2026 financial statement with changes made. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the water interconnection update.**

No discussion needed.

**3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on estimates received for a water tender for the Southmayd Fire Department.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to schedule a special meeting for February 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possible purchase of the water tender with Metro Fire with complete cost to be frontline ready. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Discuss and approve financing the new water tender with Lamar National Bank.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to table this discussion until the February 26<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Everett made a motion to move agenda item #5 to the end of the agenda and to move all remaining items up. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on policy change for cashing in vacation time.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to keep the cashing in of vacation time the same as stated in the Employee Policy & Procedures Book for all current employees and no benefits currently provided to the current employees can be taken away, only added to. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed three (3) to one (1).

**6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on replacing the lights in the bay area of the Southmayd Fire Department and renting a scissor lift for the weekend of install.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to approve the replacement of lights in the bay area of the Southmayd Fire Department and to rent a scissor lift from United Rentals in the amount of \$236.00. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**7. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the creation of a Fire Department Auxiliary.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion for Mayor Thompson and Mayor Pro Tem Horstman to attend the March fire meeting to discuss and witness creation of the auxiliary. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Discuss, consider, and possible action on relocating the storage building located at 4609 Elementary to the Community Center.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to approve relocating the storage building located at 4609 Elementary to the Southmayd Community Center. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the generators for city wells.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to approve the purchase of four (4) generators with a budget amendment to move \$53,000.00 from road repair and add to the \$132,000.00 previously budgeted for the generators to make the new approval amount for \$185,000.00 for that purchase. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**H. ADJOURN**

Councilmember Everett moved to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Debra Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda McGill, City Secretary

Approved: March 24, 2026