City of Southmayd, Texas
Minutes of April 21, 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 were 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 6:00 p.m., April 21, 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:

Volunteers from the Southmayd Fire Department, Trenton Riley, Dakota Brandon, and Bree Thetford, spoke regarding the executive session topic.

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

Mayor Thompson recognized employees of the city and Councilmember Miller for their assistance with unforeseen issues that occurred within the city.

F. FOR IINFORMATION ONLY:

Reminder of the Police Department Community Cookout.

G. 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 March 24, 2026, Regular Meeting, April 2, 2026, Special Meeting, and April 14, 2026, Special Meeting.**

   Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the consent agenda and staff reports. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

H. REGULAR AGENDA

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

   Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the February 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 appointment of the City Administrator position.**

   Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the appointment of Chief Jeff Laughlin as City Administrator. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on bids received for pipe repair for bathroom in Public Works building.**

   Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the estimate from Red River Plumbing for the pipe repair in the Public Works building in the amount of $825.00. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on chipping schedule.**

   Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the chipping schedule; Public Works will provide services twice monthly on a call-in basis. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on bids from Grayson County Precinct 3 Road Department to chip & seal Fossil Creek and Wrangler.**

   Councilmember Monroe made a motion to accept the bid from Grayson County Precinct 3 Road Department to chip & seal Fossil Creek and Wrangler in the amount of $88,592.30. Councilmember Everett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on bids from Grayson County Precinct 3 Road Department for four main roads to repair from list consisting of Elementary Dr., Belknap, Gibbons Rd., Stetson, Pine Ridge, Willow Ridge, and Aztec.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the bid from Grayson County Precinct 3 Road Department to repair Gibbons Rd, Belknap Rd, Willow Ridge, and Pine Ridge. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on the renewal of service agreement(s) with Markl & Sons.**

   Councilmember Monroe made a motion to renew the service agreements with Markl & Sons. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on adding GPS tracking systems to the Southmayd Fire Department Vehicles.**

   Councilmember Everett made a motion to send adding GPS tracking systems to the City Administrator. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. **Discuss, consider, and possible action on the applications received for the Waste Connections Scholarships.**

   Councilmember Monroe made a motion to select applicants Maddalee Boyd and Ashleigh Gumpert as the recipients for the Waste Connections Scholarships. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. **Discussion only by Mitchell Studebaker regarding changes within the fire department.**

    Mitchell Studebaker spoke regarding changes within the fire department. No discussion or action taken.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Southmayd will recess into Executive Session (Closed Meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

i. Sec. 551.074: Personnel Matters – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee

- Fire Department Personnel / Fire Chief Evaluation

Councilmember Everett made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

J. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 8:08 p.m. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The City Council of the City of Southmayd will reconvene into Regular Session (Open Meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding the items discussed in Executive Session.

i. Sec. 551.074: Personnel Matters – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee

- Fire Department Personnel / Fire Chief Evaluation

Councilmember Monroe made a motion to turn over the Fire Chief evaluation to the City Administrator. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

K. ADJOURN

Councilmember Everett moved to adjourn. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Debra Thompson

Debra Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda McGill

Amanda McGill, City Secretary
Approved: May 19, 2026