

**City of Southmayd, Texas**  
Minutes of July 15, 2025  
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, Mark Everett, Brianna Monroe, Matthew Tanner, and Teresa Miller. The City Staff present were City Secretary Amanda McGill, Chief Laughlin, Lieutenant Aguirre, and Officer Barrett.

**Agenda**

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

Mayor Thompson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., July 15, 2025.

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

Councilmember Everett led the pledge to flag and invocation.

**C. WELCOME GUESTS:**

All guests were welcomed.

**D. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Rickey Hargrave voiced his concerns with the large potholes on Elementary Drive.

**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 June 17, 2025, Regular Meeting and June 26, 2025, Emergency Meeting.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the consent agenda and staff reports. He asked that course of action be added to the Code Enforcement reports. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**G. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

*\*These reports are for information only. No discussion is appropriate unless there is a specific item listed below or there is a request that the item be placed on a subsequent agenda as a discussion and action item. Sec. 551.0415 of Open Meetings Act*

**1. Mayors Report**

Discussion only. No action taken.

## **H. REGULAR AGENDA**

- 1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on presentation of the June 2025 financial statements and report of account by Joe Madden, CPA.**

Joe Madden is not present. No action taken.

- 2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on check signers for all city bank accounts and other investments.**

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to select Mayor Pro Tem Michael Horstman and Councilmember Teresa Miller as check signers and Councilmember Mark Everett as back up signer. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the estimate for pest control services for the Southmayd City Hall, Fire Department and Police Department.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to accept the estimate from Federal Pest Solutions for pest control services in the amount of \$225.00 every quarter. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Discuss, consider, and possible action on creating a new system to handle violations of ordinances.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to work on the system of violations and move Code Enforcement under the Police Department for Chief Laughlin to manage. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the rental of small equipment to assist with patching potholes.**

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion for Public Works to meet with Scott Barrett to learn and work on pothole issue on city streets. Councilmember Everett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on estimate for repair of the City Hall sign.**

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to apply a clear coat to the City Hall sign to keep further damage from occurring. Councilmember Everett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Discuss, consider, and possible action on updates on the Grayson Meadows Village Development on Southmayd Road.**

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to table this discussion for the August council meeting. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Discuss, consider, and possible action on forming a Clean-Up Assistance Program for at least one house per month.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to table the Clean-Up Assistance Program until the August city council meeting and to meet with Southmayd Baptist Church for creation of program. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Discuss, consider, and possible action on dates for the Budget Workshops.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to approve the dates of August 12<sup>th</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup>, and September 9<sup>th</sup> for the budget workshops. And September 16<sup>th</sup> for the public hearing to propose the tax rate. The regular city council meeting will follow immediately after adopting the budget and tax rate. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Discussion only on updates on the woodchipper repairs.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to allow Mayor Thompson to approve the repairs on the woodchipper up to the amount of \$2,500.00 with a budget amendment. Any amount over \$2,500.00 will need to be approved by the council. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**11. Discussion only on updates on repairs to the little Simpson well.**

Discussion only. No action taken.

**12. Discussion only on updates on the Preston Road Municipal Utility District.**

Discussion only. No 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:

1. Sec. 551.074: Personnel Matters – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
  - Full-time Fire Chief Position.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. Councilmember Everett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**J. RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION:**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman 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 following items discussed in Executive Session:

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

- Full-time Fire Chief position.

No action taken.

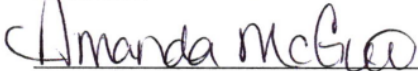
**K. ADJOURN**

Councilmember Everett moved to adjourn. Councilmember Monroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Debra Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda McGill, City Secretary

Approved: August 19, 2025