

WOODWAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 9, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

The Woodway City Council met in a regular meeting in the Donald J. Baker Council Chambers at Woodway City Hall, 922 Estates Drive, Woodway, Texas, on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Mayor:	Amine Qourzal
Mayor Pro Tem:	John W. Williams
Councilmembers:	David Russell, Storey Cook, Janell Gilman (attended virtually), David Keyston and Ken Sury
City Manager:	Adam Niolet
Assistant City Manager:	Jennifer Rogers
City Secretary:	Donna Barkley
City Staff:	Brenda Hernandez, Mitch Davison, Khalil El-Halabi and Todd Gill
Contract Staff:	David Shaw, City Attorney

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Qourzal called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

1. INVOCATION

Councilmember Cook provided the invocation.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited in unity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. THE CITY COUNCIL INVITES CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY MATTER, INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, EXCEPT PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT ARE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS RELATED TO PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HEARD WHEN THE SPECIFIC HEARING STARTS. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER RESOLUTION R-87-11. THE COUNCIL IS NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE ANY ACTION OR DISCUSS ANY ITEM NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA. WHEN CALLED TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, AND IF SPEAKING ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM, STATE THE ITEM BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION

4. RECOGNITION OF CITY OF WOODWAY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ANIMAL CONTROL RETIREE, ALBERT LOPEZ

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Chief El-Halabi provided comments on Mr. Lopez's tenure with the City and Mayor Qourzal presented him with a retirement clock.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION

5. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON RESOLUTION R-24-24, SETTING THE 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

There were no comments provided by the City Manager.

Councilmember Cook moved to adopt Resolution R-24-24, setting the 2025 City Council meeting schedule. Mayor Pro Tem Williams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT WITH KROGER AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Mr. Niolet presented this item.

Councilmember Russell moved to authorize participation in the Opioid Settlement with Kroger and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents in connection therewith. Councilmember Gilman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION TO DEVELOP IN A PLANNED DISTRICT (RETAIL SHOP) LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 9, OAKDALE ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF WOODWAY, MCLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED AT 825/827 ESTATES DRIVE

Mr. Niolet presented this item.

Councilmember Cook moved to accept the Application to Develop in a Planned District (retail shop) Lots 2 and 3, Block 9, Oakdale Addition, to the City of Woodway, McLennan County, Texas, located at 825/827 Estates Drive. Councilmember Sury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (BRIEFINGS OR UPDATES MAY BE PROVIDED REGARDING CITY SERVICES, ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL MATTERS, REAL ESTATE/DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, EVENTS, REGULATIONS, COMMUNITY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ISSUES)

Mr. Niolet provided the following updates:

- Two of the five manholes on Estates Drive have been leveled. The remaining punch list items and remaining manholes should be closed out before Christmas.
- Public Safety officers have received new tasers, have been trained on them and they are in service.
- Met with Rodney, Parks & Streets Dept., to discuss the redesign of the dog park at Whitehall Park. He

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really has some good ideas about expanding the dog park.

- The Chief is working with his command staff on the organization's recertification through the Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA) for our designation to remain a "recognized agency" which is for our outstanding professionalism and overall knowledge of the law, policies and standards among other achievements.
- Robert Dale Glass, a twenty-year employee in the Community Services Department, is retiring at the end of the month and will be recognized on Thursday.
- The first deposit has been made on the new fire engine.
- Brenda has placed the order for all the Community Services vehicles and anticipate receiving those in January.
- The Vacuum truck has been ordered and is expected to arrive this month.
- I met with Mitch about the D. Guerra sewer line project and the wastewater master plan. The sewer line project is seventy-percent complete, and D. Guerra has reported that substantial completion is estimated to be by the end of April 2025. The STV engineer has delivered a proposal for the wastewater plan and is currently under review.
- Whitehall Park parking lot has been completed. The Pavilion and Arboretum overflow parking is ninety-percent complete.
- I recently asked Public Safety, Community Services and our IT department for an update on our water wells and tank safety and security measures. We went over a comprehensive security plan when I first came on board and am happy to report all protection methods remaining in place to safeguard our critical infrastructure.
- A Very Merry Woodway Christmas is on Thursday, December 19th at 5:30 p.m.
- Staff is working with Seedhouse Creative to ensure a successful partnership moving forward.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Gilman reminded everyone of the upcoming Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on December 10th at 5 p.m.

CLOSING ITEMS

10. CONSIDER ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Keyston seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Donna Barkley, City Secretary

Amine Qourzal, Mayor