

# WOODWAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 24, 2025 – 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, February 24, 2025, 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, David Keyston and Ken Sury
City Manager:	Adam Niolet
Assistant City Manager:	Jennifer Rogers
City Secretary:	Donna Barkley
City Staff:	John Norman, Khalil El-Halabi and Nolan Schaffer
Contract Staff:	David Shaw, City Attorney

## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Qourzal called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

- Meg Wallace, resident – Spoke on Agenda Item #4 regarding the sidewalk being built to go along with the bike path. Even if the bike lane isn't being used a lot yet, and even until they do, it improves road safety. In talking with someone from the MPO, they don't yet have figures on how our new bike lane has improved safety because it takes some time for those figures to come out, but they look forward to communicating with you and getting information on the improved safety. It's happened in many other communities and they expect it will happen here too.
- Kristin Jack, resident – Spoke on the new walking/bike lane on Estates Drive. She is thankful for the bike lane and it has benefitted her in that it has slowed down traffic.
- Gerry Abendschein, resident – Spoke on the new Family Center and that it was closed for repairs today. Also spoke on the old Family Center and the fact it is not being used. Spoke on the bike lane and feels that it created a traffic jam.

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- Dave Whitby, resident – Spoke on the bike lanes on Estates Drive. Traffic has slowed down. He read the engineering report that led up to the Council voting on this. Bike lanes are a side benefit, and what really helps is that we have a turning lane. He also spoke as to how the City Council works and that each council member’s vote carries the same weight.
- Fiona Bond, resident – Spoke on the bike lanes and her appreciation for them, along with the traffic control and the slowing down of traffic that goes with it. She is a cyclist and has traveled that route several times a week. It has made a huge difference in being able to cycle to the store. Woodway is a gorgeous place to cycle.
- Myra Abendschein, resident – Spoke on the bike lanes. They live two houses off of Estates Drive. The people who live along Estates cannot get out of their driveways. Everyone’s house values have dropped on Estates Drive.
- Bill Swartz, resident – Spoke on bike lanes. Coming to the meeting tonight, he saw people walking and riding bikes on it. The traffic has slowed down on Estates Drive. He also spoke on the pickle ball courts. We have four in the Family Center, two at Whitehall Park and the Waco Regional Fitness and Tennis Center has eight dedicated pickle ball courts. He doesn’t disagree with needing more in Woodway, but doesn’t know that the Family Center is the best route. He also inquired as to whether it has ever been considered to have the Family Center charge a fee for non-residents?
- Barbara Tipton, resident – Spoke on possibly charging fees at the Family Center.

## **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION**

4. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC., TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL/SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET ASIDE CONTRACT #0909-22-216, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$289,724.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Mr. Niolet presented this item.

There was a lengthy discussion.

Councilmember Keyston moved to table this item until Council receives appropriate information discussed, especially the detailed estimate from TxDOT. Councilmember Russell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

*The Consent Agenda consists of non-controversial, routine and budgeted items which require no public hearing. The Consent Agenda is subject to being approved with one single motion; however, the Mayor or any City Councilmember may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and consideration.*

5. A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.
- B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH HICKS RAY ASSOCIATES, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY ASSISTING THE CITY OF WOODWAY IN ACQUIRING FEDERAL GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

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PROJECTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

- C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION RATIFYING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$51,111.00 TO JURGENSEN PUMP, LLC, FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO REBUILD THE MOTOR AT ACORN WELL DUE TO UNFORESEEN DAMAGE AND NECESSARY TO PRESERVE OR PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE CITY’S RESIDENTS PURSUANT TO *TEX.LOC.GOV’T CODE* §252.0215

6. CONSIDER ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Items B & C were pulled for separate discussion.

Councilmember Russell moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Qourzal seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH HICKS RAY ASSOCIATES, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY ASSISTING THE CITY OF WOODWAY IN ACQUIRING FEDERAL GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Thomas Ray provided an update regarding acquiring federal grants for public works projects.

Councilmember Keyston moved to approve the renewal of the agreement with Hicks Ray Associates, to provide professional services by assisting the City of Woodway in acquiring federal grants for public works projects in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in connection therewith. Councilmember Cook seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION RATIFYING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$51,111.00 TO JURGENSEN PUMP, LLC, FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO REBUILD THE MOTOR AT ACORN WELL DUE TO UNFORESEEN DAMAGE AND NECESSARY TO PRESERVE OR PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE CITY’S RESIDENTS PURSUANT TO *TEX.LOC.GOV’T CODE* §252.0215

Councilmember Russell moved to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$51,111.00 (Jurgensen Pump, LLC) for emergency repairs to Acorn Well. Councilmember Keyston seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

- 7. 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)

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Mr. Niolet reported on the following:

- The City Council meetings in March are scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> due to spring break being the week of March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Farmers market at the Arboretum went very well this past weekend. Staff reported that all vendors sold out of their merchandise.
- TCEQ dropped in for a surprise visit and there were no violations.

## 8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilmember Gilman – Planning & Zoning Commission meets February 25th

## **CLOSING ITEMS**

## 9. CONSIDER ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Keyston seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Donna Barkley, City Secretary

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Amine Qourzal, Mayor