

# WOODWAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 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, March 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

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

## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

## **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

### 1. INVOCATION

Councilmember Russell 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
- Richard Maker, resident – Spoke on the Liberty Hill Cemetery
  - Bruce Hamelin, resident – Spoke on the possibility of a homestead exemption for younger residents. Asked if the councilmembers' email addresses were on the website.
  - Gerry Abendschein, resident – Thanked the Council for providing this opportunity for citizens to speak. He responded to a citizens comment at the last city council meeting and stated that he did not apologize for his comments toward a few councilmembers. He campaigned for some of the candidates running for city council.

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### **PRESENTATIONS**

4. RECOGNITION OF CITY OF WOODWAY RETIREE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT, JOHN NORMAN

Mitch Davison provided that John has been with the City for 18 years and has been the Assistant Director for the last six years. Before that, he was the Streets and Parks Superintendent. He has been a great team member and a great friend.

City Manager, Adam Niolet and Mayor Pro Tem Williams also provided comments before presenting Mr. Norman with a clock as a token of the City's appreciation.

John Norman expressed that he has enjoyed his time with the City and is looking forward to what God has in store for him.

5. INTRODUCTION OF WOODWAY PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM AND REVEREND JOHN PALMER

Chief El-Halabi spoke on this new chaplaincy program and to bring attention to first responder wellness. He introduced Reverend John Palmer as the chaplain and provided a brief background.

### **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.*

6.
  - A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 17, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.
  - B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON REQUEST FROM H. LEON WILSON FOR THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A HOME OCCUPATION (SALE OF FIREARMS BY PHONE/ONLINE) AT 605 WILLOW CREEK DRIVE, WOODWAY, TEXAS
  - C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION TO ACCEPT GREEN LIFE NURSERY'S QUOTE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,586.46 TO HIRE CONTRACT LABOR AND PURCHASE PLANTS FOR CARLEEN BRIGHT ARBORETUM'S SPRING PLANTING AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
7. CONSIDER ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Russell pulled item 6C for separate discussion.

Councilmember Keyston moved to approve Items A and B as follows:

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- A. Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Approve the request received from H. Leon Wilson for the renewal of his Special Use Permit for a Home Occupation (sale of firearms by phone/online) at 605 Willow Creek Drive, Woodway, Texas

Councilmember Russell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by the councilmembers present.

- 6C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION TO ACCEPT GREEN LIFE NURSERY'S QUOTE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,586.46 TO HIRE CONTRACT LABOR AND PURCHASE PLANTS FOR CARLEEN BRIGHT ARBORETUM'S SPRING PLANTING AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Jack Stanley, Carleen Bright Arboretum Superintendent, answered questions.

Councilmember Cook moved to accept Green Life Nursery's quote for an amount not to exceed \$40,586.46 to hire contract labor and purchase plants for Carleen Bright Arboretum's Spring planting and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents in connection therewith. Councilmember Gilman seconded, and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote. (AYES – Williams, Cook, Gilman and Keyston; ABSTAINED - Russell)

### **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 reported on the following:

- He will be providing an update/presentation at the Parks & Recreation meeting on Thursday re: the old Woodway Family Center
- He thanked the citizens who attended last week's meeting from Old Creek Road and Old Farm Road. Mitch Davison has ordered the speed bumps requested. Thanks also to the Chief for directing a focus patrol of that area.
- The Splash pad looks new again.
- Discover Woodway and the Family Center are partnering to host a 50's theme "Sock Hop" Commemorative for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woodway scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Gilman reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission meets on March 25th.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission meets next week.

### **CLOSING ITEMS**

10. CONSIDER ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

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Councilmember Cook moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Gilman seconded and the motion passed unanimously by the councilmembers present. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Donna Barkley, City Secretary

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Amine Qourzal, Mayor