



The City of Bruceville-Eddy Rising into the Future

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**Regular City Council Meeting
June 25, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Owens called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Joyce Gan, Minister at Trinity Full Gospel in Belton, Texas led the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Owens led the pledge of allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL

Mayor Owens took the roll call.

Council Members present:

Mayor Linda Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Graham McGruer, Councilmembers Ricky Wiggins, Melissa Futch, Richard Prater, and Justin Richardson

City Staff present:

Lawrence Cutrone, Renee Flores, Gene Sprouse, Johnny Grady, Chief Micheal Dorsey, and Ron Evans. City engineers present for meeting were Johnny Tabor, Chris Hill, with Tabor and Associates, and Gilbert Gregory with MRB. Also present was Mike Guevara, City Attorney.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- Cindy Edmiston thanked Lawrence Cutrone and the City Council for allowing citizens to talk and discuss the sewer project. She also shared gratitude to be able to speak during the City Council meetings.
- Cherie McGruer announced the church will not have 1st Friday Bingo due to holiday, but they will continue with 3rd Friday Bunco. She also announced the Fourth of July Lorena Fire Department Fundraiser.
- Mayor Linda Owens announced that City Hall will be closed for the 4th of July Holiday on Friday, July 3rd.
- Councilmember Melissa Futch announced openings for Bruceville Eddy sports.

6. CONSENT AGENDA



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(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests an item be removed and considered separately.)

- A. **Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting, May 28, 2026 and Special Called Meeting, June 12, 2026.**
- B. **Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action on the May 2026 financial reports for the general, water, and sewer fund accounts.**
- C. **Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to write off bad debt for specific utility accounts.**

Motion made by Ricky Wiggins to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Justin Richardson, yeas 5, nays 0, motion passed.

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. **Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action on a citizen agenda item request from Al Beck related to reported flash flooding mitigation request near the corner of 3rd St. and Mackey Ranch Road.**

Al Beck, 7269 Mackie Ranch Road, addressed the City Council regarding recurring flooding at his residence. Mr. Beck explained that his home had recently flooded following a heavy rainfall event, making this the second flooding incident in two years. He expressed concerns that runoff from the adjacent field and inadequate roadside drainage contribute to water flowing directly onto his property. Mr. Beck requested that the City evaluate possible improvements, including deepening and widening the roadside ditches and reviewing the size of the culvert beneath his driveway. He also noted his concern that making improvements solely on his property could divert water onto neighboring properties.

City Administrator Lawrence discussed the City's research into the drainage issue, including communication with McLennan County, TxDOT, and the County Emergency Management Office.

Council discussed several potential approaches, including conducting an engineering study versus making immediate operational improvements. Councilmembers noted that similar ditch improvements performed in the past had successfully reduced flooding in nearby areas.

Motion made by Ricky Wiggins to approve City staff to clean, widen, and deepen the drainage ditch in front of Mr. Beck's property, and, where feasible, improve the ditch across the roadway,



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seconded by Richard Prater, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passed.

B. Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to approve a Renewal Notice and Benefits Verification Form through TX Health Benefits Pool.

Heather Vong, representative with the Texas Health Benefits Pool, presented the City's annual health benefits renewal. Ms. Vong reviewed the City's claims experience, renewal information, contribution history, healthcare cost trends, and value-added wellness programs available through the Pool. She reported that although the Texas Health Benefits Pool's average renewal increase for 2026-2027 is 11.5%, the City of Bruceville-Eddy received a flat renewal with no premium increase based on its favorable claims experience. She also highlighted new and existing wellness programs, including biometric screenings, telehealth enhancements, imaging benefits, and employee wellness incentives.

City Administrator Lawrence discussed the City's longstanding partnership with the Texas Health Benefits Pool, noting the value of the program and the City's ability to maintain excellent employee benefits without an increase in premiums.

Council Member Wiggins inquired whether THBP representatives would be available to provide employee education regarding the new benefits. Ms. Vong confirmed that educational meetings would be offered and coordinated with City staff.

Motion made by Ricky Wiggins to approve the Texas Health Benefits Pool Renewal Notice and Benefits Verification Form as presented, seconded by Richard Prater, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passed.

C. Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action regarding the McLennan County Rural Transit District Ballot for Place 5 (Pct. 1).

City Administrator Lawrence presented the McLennan County Rural Transit District Board ballot for Place 5 (Precinct 1). He explained that each participating city is allocated twenty (20) votes, with no more than ten (10) votes permitted for its own nominee. Bruceville-Eddy's nominee was Justin Richardson.

Motion made by Ricky Wiggins to approve ten votes for Justin Richardson and divide the remaining ten votes equally among the remaining candidates, allocating five votes to each, seconded by Justin Richardson, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passed.

Prior to consideration of the next item, Councilmember Richardson requested a recessed. Mayor Owens recessed the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Following the recess, Mayor Owens reconvened the meeting at 7:12 pm.



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D. Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to approve resolution R 06-25-26-1 adopting the procedure for conducting meetings of the City Council and of Boards and Commissions of the City.

Mr. Cutrone gave Council a brief presentation and explained that the proposed procedures were developed following a public workshop held on April 30, 2026, where community members provided input regarding meeting procedures. Mr. Cutrone reviewed the proposed procedures, including opportunities for public participation throughout Council meetings, the order of business, procedures for presentations, public comments, Council deliberation, and the responsibilities of the presiding officer. He also discussed revisions submitted by Council Members following the previous meeting and explained how the proposed procedures comply with state law and existing City ordinances.

Joyce McGlothlin expressed concern that the proposed procedures would not allow members of the public to ask questions directly of presenters and requested that Council allow direct interaction during agenda item presentations to improve public understanding of issues before Council.

Dolores Compton submitted a written statement that was read by Councilmember Prater. The statement expressed opposition to limiting public participation during agenda discussions and encouraged Council to preserve opportunities for citizens to voice opinions and participate in discussions.

James Tolbert spoke regarding the public being allowed to speak during the meetings. HE asked that the city council continue to listen but with limits.

Cindy Edmiston spoke in favor of the procedures that allow the public to speak.

Diana Richardson apologized for her social media post.

Monique Moser spoke regarding how the new process would work and did a mock preview if the resolution was adopted.

Council had discussion of the proposed resolution and proposed changes.

Motion made by Graham McGruer to adopt the Resolution R 06-25-26-1 drafted from the workshop, with the following changes to remove council comments at the end and to reinsert community announcements to its original spot on agenda, seconded by Richard Prater, yeas 4, nay 1- Ricky Wiggins, motion passed.



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E. Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to approve ordinance O 06-25-26-1 regarding truck route.

Chief Dorsey gave a brief presentation regarding the amendments made to the ordinance after the last council meeting.

Council discussed costs within the budget and types of signs that would be purchased with the Police and Public Works Departments.

Danielle McGuer questioned the TxDot requirements for the barricades and signs.

Mayor Owens instructed Chief Dorsey to check with TxDot to make sure the signs are within the TxDot requirements.

Motion made by Ricky Wiggins to approve ordinance O 06-25-26-1 regarding truck route, seconded by Richard Prater, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passed.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Council to discuss and consider staff reports from the City Administrator, Chief of Police, City Attorney, consulting engineers, and department heads.

Mr. Cutrone gave an update on the well-site building addition, the CCTV inspection, and the purchase of the generator.

Mr. McGruer stated that he and Mr. Prater have been having town hall meetings to discuss with the public regarding the sewer project. Their hope is to have a meeting once a month.

Gil Gregory, MRB Senior Representative, gave Council an update on the grant proposal for the water well in Falls County.

Mr. Edmiston questioned if the well would be by Duty Park and Council stated yes.

Mayor Owens recessed the meeting and convened into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consultation with City Attorney

Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - Consultation with City Attorney - and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Confer with City Attorney to receive legal advice regarding USDA Rural Development Project.



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B. City Administrator

Texas Government Code Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters – Discussion regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: City Administrator. Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 551.074.

Mayor Owens reconvened into open session at 10:06 p.m.

10. RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING

A. Consider and take action if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

No action taken

11. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolences; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary recognition of city officials, employees or other citizens; reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the City or other entity that are scheduled to be attended by a city official or city employee.

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Richard Prater to adjourn at 10:07 pm, seconded by Melissa Futch, yeas 5, nays 0, motion passed.

Linda Owens, Mayor

Renee Flores, City Secretary

Date

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