

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**RONALD C. BOWMAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**447 North Main Street**  
**Boerne, TX 78006**  
**MARCH 24, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

Minutes of the Regular Called City Council Meeting of March 24, 2026.

**Present:**       **6 -** Mayor Frank Ritchie, Mayor Pro Tem Ty Wolosin, Council Member Joe Bateman, Council Member Kyle Mickelsen, Council Member Bret A. Bunker, and Council Member Joseph Macaluso

**Staff Present:** Ben Thatcher, Val Anderson, Tori Bellos, Sarah Buckelew, Mike Brinkmann, Jeff Carroll, Lori Carroll, Nathan Crane, Susan Finch, Maria Garcia, Lissette Jimenez, Franci Linder, Mick McKamie, Terry Nolan, Steve Perez, Mike Raute, Chris Shadrock, Kristy Stark, Jeanette Teague, Chastity Valdes, Larry Woods, Mary Woods, and Danny Zincke.

**Registered / Recognized Guests:** Donna Stewart

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM**

Mayor Ritchie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ritchie provided the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas Flag.

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were declared.

**3.                   RECOGNIZE LARRY WOODS AND HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.**

Mayor Ritchie called on City Manager Ben Thatcher, who recognized Director Woods on his retirement after 17 years of service to the City. Director Woods

addressed the Council and spoke about his tenure. Council Members expressed their appreciation for his dedicated service and the positive contributions he has made to the City.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No comments were received.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUNKER, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WOLOSIN, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**Yeah:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin, Council Member Bateman, Council Member Mickelsen, Council Member Bunker, and Council Member Macaluso

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026.**

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

**B. CONSIDER THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS OF LILLIAN OLER AND MONICA WINTERS TO THE VISIT BOERNE ADVISORY BOARD.**

THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS WERE APPROVED.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**6. PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND ORDINANCES:**

**A. RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL WINTER WORKSHOP STRATEGIC REFLECTION SUMMARY.**

Mayor Ritchie called on City Manager Ben Thatcher, who provided a summary from the Winter Workshop in February and noted that the materials distributed document the information presented. He advised that a future meeting on the 10-year rolling master plan will incorporate Council input on

the strategy map. CM Thatcher reviewed the SPOT feedback provided by Council during the workshop and offered comparisons to prior survey results. He encouraged Council to provide additional feedback on the strategy map in advance of a future meeting. Discussion ensued regarding including resiliency as a top priority.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM WOLOSIN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MACALUSO, TO RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL WINTER WORKSHOP STRATEGIC REFLECTION SUMMARY. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**Yeah:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin, Council Member Bateman, Council Member Mickelsen, Council Member Bunker, and Council Member Macaluso

## 7. RESOLUTIONS:

**A. RECEIVE BIDS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R16; A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR CITY OF BOERNE MOWING FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$\_\_\_\_\_; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MANAGE AND EXECUTE THE RELATED CONTRACT.**

Mayor Ritchie called on Jeff Carroll, Engineering and Mobility Director, to present the proposed mowing contract. Director Carroll explained that utilizing a contract mowing service allows City staff to focus on streets and mobility priorities, while Parks staff can concentrate on core park functions. He noted that contracting these services also avoids the need for the City to purchase additional mowing equipment. Director Carroll reported that two bids were received, with the lowest bidder being a contractor previously used by the City. He recommended awarding the contract to this vendor based on prior performance and cost. He further explained that the contract is structured to be flexible, with payment only required when mowing services are needed. Additionally, locations can be adjusted or substituted as necessary to meet operational needs.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUNKER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MACALUSO, TO RECEIVE BIDS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R16; A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR CITY OF BOERNE MOWING FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO YELLOWSTONE LANDSCAPE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,145.00; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MANAGE AND EXECUTE THE RELATED CONTRACT. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**Yeah:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin, Council Member Bateman, Council Member Mickelsen, Council Member Bunker, and Council Member Macaluso

## **8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

### **A. MONTHLY PROJECTS UPDATE.**

City Manager Thatcher provided a status of various city projects.

## **9. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL – No discussion or action may take place.**

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin reported that he attended the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) meeting the previous day, noting it was the first meeting with the organization's new director. He also shared that Judge Stolarczyk was in attendance. The meeting discussions centered on regional growth and future transportation needs. Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin further reported that he participated in a ride-along with Meals on Wheels through the Center. He described the experience as enjoyable and encouraged others to take part.

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:**

Mayor Ritchie convened the City Council into Executive Session at 6:41 p.m.

**A. SECTION 551.086 - DELIBERATIONS CONCERNING MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITY. (Gas Meter Rates)**

No action was taken.

**B. SECTION 551.071 - CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; LITIGATION LAURA HANING V. CITY OF BOERNE CAUSE NO. 24-622 A LAWSUIT PENDING THE 451st JUDICIAL DISTRICT.**

No discussion took place.

**11. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.**

Mayor Ritchie reconvened the City Council into Open Session at 7:31 p.m.

No action was taken.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ritchie adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Approved:

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Secretary