

MINUTES OF THE SPLENDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF JULY 2026, AT CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 26090 FM 2090 E, SPLENDORA, TEXAS 77372 IN THE CITY OF SPLENDORA, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS AT 6:30 P.M.

The Council met in a regular session with the following members present:

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Dorothy Welch, Mayor
Webster Ipes, Position I
Evelyn Myers, Position II
Mike Clark, Position III
Carlos Hernandez, Position IV
William Usher, Position V

OFFICERS:

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney
Anita Davis, City Secretary

REGULAR SESSION

1. Mayor Dorothy Welch called the meeting to order. [6:30 pm]

ROLL CALL

2. All present except Councilmember Usher and Councilmember Myers, thus constituting a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

- 3/4. Pledge/Invocation.

AGENDA

5. Approve the minutes from June 15, 2026
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve the minutes from June 15, 2026, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Discuss Financial Reports; Approve bills for payment for June 2026.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve bills for payment for June 2026, and Councilmember Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Public Comments.
8. Department Reports
- a) Police Department for June 2026;
 - b) Municipal Court for June 2026;
 - c) Utility Billing; Utility Maintenance; Building Permits; Capital Projects for June 2026.
9. Consider and/or take action to approve the use of the Veterans Memorial Park for the annual Fall Festival to be held on October 31st, as requested by Paula Mejia.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve the use of the Veterans Memorial Park for the annual Fall Festival to be held on October 31st, and Councilmember Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Consider and/or take action to allow the Rotary Club of East Montgomery County to install another Little Free Library at the Splendora Heritage Park, there is one currently located at the Veteran's Memorial Park, as requested by Darbie Lindsey.
Councilmember Clark made a motion to allow the Rotary Club of East Montgomery County to install another Little Free Library at the Splendora Heritage Park, and Councilmember Hernandez second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Presentation by Samco discussing funding opportunities for the City. [7:10 p.m. – 7:25p.m.]
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to accept the proposal presented by Samco with attorney review, and Councilmember Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Consider and/or take action to approve a variance on the 30-foot height limit of a pylon sign for Kroozin development project, as requested by Aqeel Ali.
Councilmember Clark made a motion to deny a variance on the 30-foot height limit of a pylon sign for Kroozin development project, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2026-07-20, approving FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendments.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-07-20, approving FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendments, and Councilmember Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
14. Consider and/or take action to approve Resolution 2026-07-20A, approving the Investment Policy.
Councilmember Clark made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07-20A, approving the Investment Policy, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
15. Consider and/or take action to approve Resolution 2026-07-20B, appointing Anita Davis the City's Investment Officer.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07-20B, appointing Anita Davis the City's Investment Officer, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
16. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2026-07-20D authorizing signatures of officials on all vouchers issued.
Councilmember Clark made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07-20D authorizing signatures of officials on all vouchers issued, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
17. Consider and/or take action to approve Resolution 2026-07-20C, giving the Investment Officer oversight/access to the Federal Asset Forfeiture-Seizure Account to complete monthly financial statements that are required.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07-20C, giving the Investment Officer oversight/access to the Federal Asset Forfeiture-Seizure Account to complete monthly financial statements that are required, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
18. Consider and/or take action on approving the Quarterly Investment Report for April 2026 through June 2026.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for April 2026 through June 2026, and Councilmember Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
19. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2026-07-20E, appointing Sam Massiel to serve on the Review Committee for San Jacinto River Authority.
Councilmember made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07-20E, appointing Sam Massiel to serve on the Review Committee for San Jacinto River Authority, and Councilmember Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
20. Consider and/or take action to ratify payment to Sweat's Mechtech Solutions, in the amount of \$9,450.00, for the replacement of the grinder pump and maintenance for the Etta Road Lift Station.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to ratify payment to Sweat's Mechtech Solutions, in the amount of \$9,450.00, for the replacement of the grinder pump and maintenance for the Etta Road Lift Station, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
21. Consider and/or take action on a Joint Election Agreement between the City of Splendora, Montgomery County, and other participating political subdivisions for the November 3, 2026, general election.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to accept the Joint Election Agreement between the City of Splendora, Montgomery County, and other participating political subdivisions for the November 3, 2026, general election, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
22. Consider and/or take action on an Election Service Agreement between the City of Splendora, Montgomery County, and other participating political subdivisions for the November 3, 2026, general election.
Councilmember Clark made a motion to accept the Election Service Agreement between the City of Splendora, Montgomery County, and other participating political subdivisions for the November 3, 2026, general election., and Councilmember Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
23. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2026-07-20B calling an election on November 3, 2026, for the election for the positions of Councilmembers III, IV, and V.
Councilmember Clark made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-07-20B calling an election on November 3, 2026, for the election for the positions of Councilmembers III, IV, and V, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
24. Discuss and update on Zoning Ordinance.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to accept the proposal from Olson & Olson for the preparation of the Zoning Ordinance, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
25. Discuss and openly deliberate amending the Personnel Policies by requiring the City Administrator to notify all members of the City Council within 24 hours of any personnel change affecting any individual engaged by the City of Splendora in any capacity.

Councilmember Clark made a motion to waive the client/attorney consultation in Executive Session and call for an Open Session meeting, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Ipes made a motion to direct staff to amend the personnel policies and bring proposed amendments back to the next Council Meeting on August 10, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Discuss and openly deliberate on available options before any decisions are made regarding the open position of the City Administrator, as well as other open positions within the City.
No Action
27. Discuss and openly deliberate the consideration and adoption of an Ordinance that would require that all meetings of the Splendora City Council be audio and video recorded and published.
Councilmember Clark made a motion to go into Executive Session, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. [8:14p.m.-8:25p.m.] See Agenda Item 28.
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28. Discuss contracting Hank Vat to video record Public City Council Meetings.
Will discuss further after receiving a proposal contract.
29. Discuss and update on the new office building for the Utility Maintenance Department.
No Action
30. **Executive Session – Council will possibly meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).**
31. Consider and/or take action on items in Executive Session, if applicable.
32. Mayor's Activity Report
33. Future Meetings and Events
 - Regular Meeting – August 17, 2026 (tentatively)
34. Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be taken or discussed.
35. Adjourn. [8:37p.m.]
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Anita Davis, City Secretary