

**CITY OF TATUM**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2025**  
**5:30 PM**

**Mayor**

Michael Henry

**City Council**

Tate Smith

**City Secretary**

Jackie Muckleroy

JR Smith

Wendell Moore

Robin Palmer

Greggory Cole

Councilman Elect – Jonathan Knapp

Member Tate Smith - Not Present

Council

**Meeting called to order:**

**Prayer:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Michael Henry called the meeting to order.

Observed by all in attendance.

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- Motion by JR Smith to approve amended minutes for April meeting. Gregg Cole seconded this Motion. All in Favor. None Opposed.
- Canvassing the Votes for May 3, 2025 Election - Motion by Wendell Moore to discuss canvassing of the votes. Gregg Cole seconded this Motion. All in favor. None opposed.
- Mayor Henry read out the total votes for Rusk and Panola County for early voting and voting day. Counts were given for the number of votes per candidate. Mayor Henry noted that Jonathan Knapp received more than 50% of the votes, so a runoff would not be necessary.

Motion by Wendell Moore to accept the canvassing of the votes. Gregg seconded this Motion.

Cole. All in favor. None opposed.

- Newly elected members (Robin Palmer and Jonathan Knapp) were sworn in by City Secretary Jackie Muckleroy. Councilman Tate Smith was absent. The City Secretary will issue his oath of office during the June Council Meeting. After the swearing-in, all in attendance clapped in honor of our newly sworn-in members. Mayor Henry congratulated Jonathan on his appointment and thanked Gregg Cole for his service.
- Motion by JR Smith to approve adding Jonathan Knapp to City Bank accounts and to remove Gregg Cole. Motion was seconded by Wendell Moore. All in favor. None opposed.

**Information Only:**

- **Police Dept:** Chief James Smith provided monthly updates.
- **Public Works:** Mr. Mike Morton provided monthly updates.
- **Volunteer Fire Dept:** Chief Rayford Gibson provided monthly updates.
- **Economic Dev Corp:** Mr. Nakia Smith - Not present
- **City Administration:** City Secretary- Jackie Muckleroy provided monthly financial updates and reviewed the adjustments tab. I informed everyone that we need to reduce spending this quarter in preparation for upcoming budget planning and discussion.

- **Mayor Mr. Mike Henry**

Mayor Henry noted that the Pecan Pie Festival had a great turnout-the largest turnout we've had, and it was an excellent turnout for the city. He asked that Council Members discussion, Councilman Robin Palmer motioned to approve it, and Wendell Moore seconded it. All in favor. None opposed.

**Discussion and Motion** - Interview Candidates (Water Works Helper Position) JR Smith's Motion was seconded by Councilman Wendell Moore. Mayor Henry informed the audience that we were going into an executive session to conduct interviews for the Water Works Helper Position.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:20 pm.

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The meeting resumed at 7:55 pm

Mayor Henry offered the position of Water Works Helper to Dakota Burns. He welcomed Dakota.

Councilman Moore motioned to adjourn, and JR Smith seconded the Motion.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.**

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**Mayor Michael Henry /Date**