

CITY OF TATUM
Special Meeting
June 26, 2025
5:30 PM

Mayor
Michael Henry

City Council
Tate Smith
JR Smith
Robin Palmer
Wendell Moore
Jonathan Knapp

City Secretary
Jackie Muckleroy

Councilman Tate Smith was not present.

CALL TO ORDER:	Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Henry.
Prayer:	Observed by all in attendance.
Pledge of Allegiance:	Observed by all in attendance.
Citizen Comments:	No citizen comments.

Discussion and Motion: 2025-26 FY Budget Approval
A motion was made by Councilman JR Smith to discuss, and it was seconded by Councilman Jonathan Knapp. The budget for FY 2025-26 was reviewed and discussed thoroughly.
A line-by-line review of each item was made, and if required, adjustments were made accordingly. Several Council members had questions regarding the allocation of expenses to accounts that were labeled similarly, such as "legal expenses vs. attorney fees. In instances where answers were not readily available, the City Secretary stated, "She did not know but would be happy to look into it and provide an answer." She also stated that the Auditor was combining accounts and that some of them would be corrected soon. JR Smith motioned for the budget to be approved, and it was seconded by Jonathan Knapp. All in favor, none opposed.

Exec session started at 6:09 pm
Exec session ended at 6:39 pm

Meeting resumed at 6:46pm

Discussion and Motion: Selection of Engineering Firm for project implementation of the 25-26 CDBG Grant.

Wendell Moore made a motion to discuss, and JR Smith seconded the motion. Wendell Moore motioned to accept the rezoning request, and Robin Palmer seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

Robin Palmer motioned to discuss the engineering selections, and Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Mayor Henry informed the council that the review committee (Mayor Henry, JR Smith, Jackie Muckleroy, and Nakia Smith) scored the RFPs received. The committee awarded Schaumburg and Polk (SPI) as the engineering firm selected for the engineering/architectural/surveying service provider(s) for grant pre-application, application and project implementation for the City of Tatum's 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program funded and administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Discussion and Motion: Rezoning Requests

Wendell Moore made a motion to discuss the rezoning requests, and JR Smith seconded the motion.
Wendell Moore motioned to accept the rezoning request from TEDCO to rezone the area on Hwy 149 to Business/Commercial, and Robin Palmer seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

Discussion on whether 1450 N. Hill St. could move a trailer home to that location because it is not zoned as single-family for mobile homes. The request is to rezone from

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R-1 to R-3, which allows for mobile homes. Currently, there are two mobile homes there.

Wendell Moore made a motion to rezone it to R-3, and the motion was seconded by JR Smith. All in favor. None opposed.

Discussion and Motion:

Culvert Installation – Sterling Price St.

JR Smith made a motion to discuss, and Wendell Moore seconded the motion to discuss the culvert installation on Sterling Price St., Mayor.

Henry noted that the quote to purchase the culvert is \$2625.00.

Wendell Moore motioned to accept the purchase and installation of the Culvert on Sterling Price, and it was seconded by JR Smith. All in favor. None opposed. JR Smith offered to use his truck and trailer to pick up the culvert.

Discussion and Motion:

Ordinance Revision 2012-12

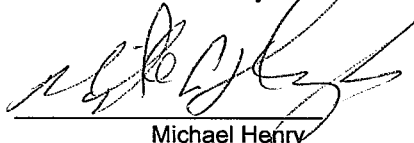
Robin Palmer made a motion to discuss Ordinance 2010-02 Revision, and it was seconded by JR Smith. Robin Palmer stated that we have not had any complaints from any citizens regarding portable buildings in years. Wendell Moore stated that we would have to stop adding portable buildings and, at one point, set a date to enforce the ordinances. JR Smith stated that we need to correct the streets in the amended ordinance. We need to correct the issue with Forest St., Jonathan Knapp said he was ok with the way the attorney wrote the new ordinance. Mayor Henry, looking at the old ordinance, stated that "the only thing to be grandfathered in would be those used and occupied as a residential dwelling, but it was not to be replaced." Mayor Henry noted that on the revised ordinance from the attorney that the ordinance allows for them to be grandfathered in, but states, "shall not be replaced, except as provided in sections B, C, and D and the old ordinance didn't allow for that." The mayor asked if there were any recommended changes before voting. JR Smith recommended that street changes be made to the ordinance. Citizen Elaine Cutright asked where she stands because she is not living in the RV. Mayor Henry asked, "Are you specifically referring to the RV?" Ms. Cutright says Yes. Councilman Moore stated that "if we are going to put the ordinance there, it will have to go for everybody, no exceptions. Councilman Palmer and Ms. Cutright stated that it is no different from semi parking overnight and sleeping in his truck. JR Smith stated that if it is there for a day and it leaves and comes back and is not staying there, then it is ok. Wendell Moore stated that "if it is moved everyday, then there is not a whole lot we can say, it's when it stays overnight that it becomes an issue. Mayor Henry asked Councilman Moore, "so you are saying no overnight" and Councilman Moore responded yes. Robin Palmer asked "what are you going to do about trucks that stay two or three nights with sleepers and restrooms in their trucks?" Council JR Smith stated "that is a different deal. There are four or five trucks that come and park every day, and they aren't staying in the truck". Ms. Cutright stated that "two years ago there was another fireworks stand that stayed overnight." JR Smith said he did not recall that. Someone said they were located at the Family Dollar Store by Break Time. Jonathan Knapp stated that he didn't see it as a residential dwelling and said it's only going to be there another 10 days. Wendell Moore stated that he would "agree that it could stay for this time, but from here on out and afterwards, it will not be grandfathered in, but is not allowed to be there, that I will agree to that". Ms. Palmer then said, "So are you saying that Christmas and New Year's, she can't have it up there? Mr. Wendell Moore responded, "Correct, if we are going by this ordinance". JR Smith stated this new ordinance says it should be effective on July 26, 2025, although some revisions will need to be made. He said the biggest problem is that the ordinance has not been enforced. Ms. Palmer stated, "It says dwelling and she is not dwelling there. A dwelling is a

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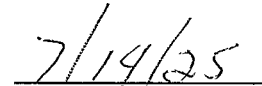
place she can live. "Wendell Moore stated That's what a travel trailer is. Councilman Palmer stated, "A travel trailer is a recreational vehicle. Are you saying the trucks with sleepers in the parking lot are, ok? Councilman Moore stated that the trucks are a different deal, and once this goes into effect, we cannot bounce around; it will go for everyone. Councilman JR Smith stated that "recently, Mr. Randy Randolph pointed out that it is not designated as a truck stop, so it shouldn't be there to start with". Councilman Moore stated, "It just needs to be enforced." Malantha Palmer asked, "If the store owner is ok with her having her camper there to go to the bathroom, is that the same?". Wendell Moore stated that this ordinance is worth nothing, if people don't abide by it and it is not enforced." Robin Palmer said that we can't pick and choose which ordinances we enforce. We need an ordinance officer." Mayor Henry said that after speaking with Chief Smith that it will come down to our next meeting us picking an effective date to start enforcing these ordinances. Things are a mess and we have to start somewhere." JR Smtih again reiterated that just because ordinances haven't been enforced, but we will need to start enforcing them. JR Smith then stated, "it comes back to this, because they haven't been enforced, we will have to pick a date and say from this date going forward, we will start enforcing them. Mayor Henry then stated, "going back to this ordinance that is what is on the table tonight, is there any further discussion before we put it to a vote? JR Smith stated, "other than fixing the streets to make sure it aligns with the two-block area, and seeing what's there and what is not there, and making sure that everything comes back to complying." Mayor Henry asked, "Can I get a motion to accept it?" Wendell Moore made a motion to accept the ordinance as it is written, and JR seconded the motion. The motion passed with one nay from Councilman Robin Palmer.

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Wendell Moore motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by JR Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.



Michael Henry
Mayor



Date