



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 2025

MINUTES

The Madisonville City Council met in a regular council meeting on September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at 210 W. Cottonwood, Madisonville, Texas.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Councilmembers Present:

William Parten – Mayor
Chris McGilbra – Mayor Pro Tem
Mindy Crouch – Councilmember Place 2
Terri Davis – Councilmember Place 3
Brady Taylor – Councilmember Place 4
Melissa Hinojosa- Councilmember Place 5

City Staff Present:

Fabrice Kabona – City Manager
April Theiss- City Secretary
Herbert Gilbert – Police Chief
Phillip Mayer- Building Official
Krystal Carroll- Director of Finance
Thom Jones- Fire Chief
Art Rodriguez- City Attorney

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Taylor gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGES

Chief Gilbert led the pledges.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kenda Mahaffey with the Bedias Soil & Water Conservation District asked for a meeting to be scheduled soon to discuss available flood site grants that will cover needed flood site improvements in Madisonville.

Meagan Hollub with Bedias Gators Travel Ball thanked the Parks and Recreation team for their hard work and dedication to ensuring the tournament held at the park was successful.

V. CEREMONY

1. August 2025 Yard of the Month Recognition

City Secretary April Theiss presented yard of the month on behalf of Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Hanes to 411 N. Commerce Street.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consider approval of the minutes as written for August 5, 2025**
- 2. Consider approval of the minutes as written for August 11, 2025**
- 3. Consider approval of the minutes as written for August 20, 2025**
- 4. Consider approval of Accounts Payable for the previous month**
- 5. Consider approval of the financial report for the previous month**
- 6. Consider a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2025 rate review mechanism.**
- 7. Consider a resolution designating the Madisonville Meteor as the Official Newspaper of the City of Madisonville for fiscal year 2025-2026.**
- 8. Consider a resolution adopting the City of Madisonville's Investment Policy and Strategy.**

Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra made a motion to approve the consent agenda, with Councilmember Davis seconding the motion. All councilmembers voted AYE, and the motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

City Council will receive comments from the public on items under the Public Hearing portion of the agenda, pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007. Speakers will be limited to three minutes each. Persons wishing to participate (speak) during the Public Hearing portion of the agenda must, prior to the meeting, sign-in on the designated sign-in sheet for each item in order to participate.

- 1. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance regarding the proposed revenue increase from levying ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2025/2026 at \$0.6939 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits to provide revenues for current maintenance and operation expenses and interest and sinking fund requirements; providing due and delinquent dates; penalties and interest; providing a disability exemption.**
No speakers.
- 2. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance approving the proposed fiscal year 2025/2026 budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be in accordance with said budget.**
No speakers.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Discuss and consider an ordinance regarding the proposed revenue increase from levying ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2025/2026 at \$0.6939 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits to provide revenues for current maintenance and operation expenses and interest and sinking fund requirements; providing due and delinquent dates; penalties and interest; providing a disability exemption.**

City Manager Kabona introduced the item. Councilmember Hinojosa moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6939, which is effectively a 1.8 percent increase in the tax rate. Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra seconded the motion. This item was approved via record vote.

Record Vote:

Councilmember Crouch: AYE

Councilmember Davis: AYE

Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra: AYE

Councilmember Taylor: AYE

Councilmember Hinojosa: AYE

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried

2. **Discuss and consider a resolution ratifying the budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 that results in an increase of revenues by 1.8% from property taxes over the previous year.**

City Manager Kabona introduced the item. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve a budget that will result in an increase of revenue from property taxes than the previous year and to ratify a property tax revenue increase reflected in said budget. Councilmember Hinojosa seconded the motion. This item was approved via record vote.

Record Vote:

Councilmember Crouch: AYE

Councilmember Davis: AYE

Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra: AYE

Councilmember Taylor: AYE

Councilmember Hinojosa: AYE

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried

3. **Discuss and consider an ordinance approving the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.**

City Manager Kabona introduced the item. Councilmember Hinojosa made a motion to approve an ordinance approving the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Councilmember Crouch: AYE

Councilmember Davis: AYE

Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra: AYE

Councilmember Taylor: AYE

Councilmember Hinojosa: AYE

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried

- 4. Discuss and consider an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2024/2025 budget for the General Fund, Hot Fund, and Enterprise Fund by increasing the citywide expenditure and revenue.**

Director of Finance Krystal Carroll introduced the item. Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2024/2025 budget for the General Fund, Hot Fund, and Enterprise Fund by increasing the citywide expenditure and revenue. Councilmember Crouch seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Councilmember Crouch: AYE

Councilmember Davis: AYE

Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra: AYE

Councilmember Taylor: AYE

Councilmember Hinojosa: AYE

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried

- 5. Discuss and consider a Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Madison County regarding Fire Protection, County Jail and Dispatch Services, and Utilities.**

City Manager Kabona introduced the item. Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra made a motion to approve the resolution, with Councilmember Hinojosa seconding the motion.

Record Vote:

Councilmember Crouch: AYE

Councilmember Davis: AYE

Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra: AYE

Councilmember Taylor: AYE

Councilmember Hinojosa: AYE

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried

- 6. Discuss and consider a resolution amending the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Agreement between the City of Madisonville and PuttBro's, LLC for fire hydrant maintenance.**

City Manager Kabona introduced the item. Councilmember Hinojosa made a motion to approve the resolution, with Councilmember Crouch seconding the motion.

Record Vote:

Councilmember Crouch: AYE

Councilmember Davis: AYE

Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra: AYE

Councilmember Taylor: AYE

Councilmember Hinojosa: AYE

AYE: 5

NAY: 0

Motion Carried

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney): To discuss legal matters related to the Notice of Intent to pursue damages due to flooding.**
2. **Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters): To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit:**
 - **Interim City Manager**
3. **Reconvene into open session and take any action necessary.**

City Council entered Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 7:23 p.m. Mayor Parten announced that there was no action taken with item number 1 under executive session. Councilmember Davis made a motion to appoint Rona Stringfellow as the Interim City Manager, and Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Councilmember Crouch: AYE

Councilmember Davis: AYE

Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra: AYE

Councilmember Taylor: AYE

Councilmember Hinojosa: AYE

AYE: 5

NAY: 0

Motion Carried

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kabona reminded everyone that the Hispanic Heritage Festival is on Saturday, and the Fly-In Car show is on September 27th. Town Hall #2 for the Comprehensive Plan will take place on October 6th at 6 p.m. City Manager Kabona stated this is his last city council meeting, and bid his farewells. Mayor Parten announced a reception on City Manager Kabona's last day, which will be on September 18th from 11-1:30 p.m. Chief Gilbert spoke and thanked City Manager Kabona for his time here and wished him the best on his future endeavors.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davis made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion, and all Councilmembers voted AYE. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



April Theiss, City Secretary



William Parten, Mayor

