ELGIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 6, 2026
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Pro Tem Brashar called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL
Mayor Pro Tem Brashar called roll. Council Member Swain motioned to excuse both Mayor McShan and Council Member Crim for their medical-related and illness-related absences. Council Member Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Present:
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member, Ward 1
Joy Casnovsky, Council Member, Ward 1
Chuck Swain, Council Member, Ward 2
YaLecia Love, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 2
Tiffany St. Pierre, Council Member, Ward 3
Al Rodriguez, Council Member, Ward 3
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 4

Absent:
Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor
Liston Crim, Council Member, Ward 4

Staff:
Robert Eads, City Manager
Peyton Standifer, City Secretary
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Michael Gonzales, Public Works Director
Beau Perry, Development Services Director/City Engineer
Sonia Browder, Media Specialist
Kristina Alvarez, Main Street Manager
Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager
Terry Fowler, Construction Manager
Aaron Crim, Police Commander
Esmeralda Rangel, Assistant City Secretary

INVOCATION
Mayor Pro Tem Brashar provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Pro Tem Brashar led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were no public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Yeti Week Tuesday - Saturday, January 13th - 17th at the Elgin Public Library**
   Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager, provided the Council with information on this announcement.

2. **Prime Timer Craft Faux Flower Arrangements Monday, January 19th at Elgin Recreation Center**
   Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager, provided the Council with information on this announcement.

3. **ADHD Parenting Playbook Thursday, January 22nd at Elgin Public Library**
   Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager, provided the Council with information on this announcement.

PRESENTATION

1. **A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY 2026**
   Mayor Pro Tem Brashar read the proclamation, and presented it to Bryon Mitchell.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. **Library Advisory Board Quarterly Report**
   Robert Eads, City Manager, explained to the Council that the Library Advisory Board Quarterly Report is available for their review. There were no questions from the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2025**
   This item was approved on the consent agenda.

2. **City Council Special Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2025**
   This item was approved on the consent agenda.

3. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT OF WAY AS IS NECESSARY FOR THE BASTROP COUNTY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WALK AND CELEBRATION. (ALVAREZ)**
   This item was approved on the consent agenda.

4. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $205,957 FOR UPSIZING UTILITY LINES IN THE BRIARWOOD DEVELOPMENT AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO. (GONZALEZ)**
   This item was approved on the consent agenda.

Council Member Casnovsky motioned to approve the consent agenda. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Love seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion and Possible Action on Reviving and "Promoting" a City Model Where "Perfectly Situated" Truly Reflects Elgin's Identity**
   Robert Eads, City Manager, stated that the item was brought forward by Council Member St. Pierre and deferred to her for explanation. Council Member St. Pierre shared the observation that while the City has the slogan of "Perfectly Situated", it lacks a meaning beyond location. She expressed concern that certain residential developments, including HOA-style neighborhoods, feel soulless and lack the character reflective of a small-town community like Elgin. She stated that this is not the direction she believes the City should pursue and emphasized the importance of seeking community input on what residents want and do not want to see in future development. Beau Perry, Development Services Director/City Engineer, explained that certain elements of development can not be restricted by state law. He noted that PDDs and development agreements allow for negotiation, but emphasized the value of having a clear guiding vision. He referenced the *Envision Elgin* plan from 2020, suggesting it could be updated or replaced to reflect current goals. Council Member Rodriguez stated that strategic planning and community development conversations should extend beyond architectural design to include how the City envisions its future and provides for all residents, while also cautioning against discouraging potential development.
   Discussion concluded with consensus that the goal is not to dictate specific designs, but to provide thoughtful guidance and direction for development through a shared community vision.

2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION FOR THE KENNEDY STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT ALSO KNOWN AS GLO CONTRACT No. 22-085-029-D270 AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO. (GONZALEZ)**
   Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director, provided an update on the widening of the right-of-way on the East side of Kennedy Street. He stated that all affected property owners in that area, as well as certain property owners along County Line Road, were sent packets by certified mail regarding the conveyance of land to the City to support drainage improvements. Mr. Gonzalez noted that agreements had been reached with five of the eight property owners on Kennedy Street, and staff is awaiting responses from the remaining property owners or their representatives. He emphasized that the City will cover the upfront costs, which will later be reimbursed through grant funding. Mr. Gonzalez responded to clarifying questions from the Council and stated that no counteroffers have been made; the primary concern expressed by residents has been fence placement, which City staff has worked with property owners to address.

   Council Member Casnovsky made a motion to approve the resolution. Council member St. Pierre seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

3. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH BGE ENGINEERS TO DESIGN WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ELGIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $63,205 AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO. (GONZALEZ)**

Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director, stated that at a previous Council meeting, the City Council approved a large development within the EDC Business Park. He explained that in order to connect the development to an existing gravity line downhill, a wastewater improvement project is required. Because the alignment crosses private property, staff has engaged BGE Engineers to design the wastewater line and to assist in securing the necessary easements, which the City will later acquire. He noted that this route represents the most direct path to convey wastewater from the development to the lift station.

Council Member Swain made a motion to approve the resolution. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Love seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar read the title of the Executive Session item, and adjourned the public meeting into executive session at 7:13 PM.

1. **The City Council will convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice and discuss matters related to financial audit and investigation, including potential legal issues.**

RECONVENE

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar reconvened the open meeting at 7:35 PM. There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar adjourned the meeting at 7:36PM.

ATTEST:

Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor

Peyton Standifer, City Secretary