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ELGIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 17, 2026
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor McShan called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL
Mayor McShan called roll. Mayor McShan stated that Council Member Rodriguez was absent for a prior work commitment. Council Member Swain motioned to excuse Council Member Rodriguez. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Present:
Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor
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
Liston Crim, Council Member, Ward 4
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 4

Absent:
Al Rodriguez, Council Member, Ward 3

Staff:
Robert Eads, City Manager
Peyton Standifer, City Secretary
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director
Chris Noble, Chief of Police
Beau Perry, Development Services Director/City Engineer
Pamela Sanders, Human Resources Director
Sonia Browder, Media Specialist
Kristina Alvarez, Main Street Manager
Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager
Esmeralda Rangel, Assistant City Secretary
Uriel Campos, Administrative Assistant
Grace Perez, Interim Parks and Recreation Manager
Mathew Decker, Police Sergeant

INVOCATION
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Love provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor McShan 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
Krista Marx, East 8th Street, addressed the Council regarding Relay for Life. Ms. Marx stated that she relays because thirty-five years ago her grandfather died of cancer, fourteen years ago she received her own cancer diagnosis, and twenty-one years ago Relay for Life began in the City of Elgin. There will be an evening event hosted at the Veteran's Memorial Park Expansion with music and "Relay Gone Rad". Currently, there are twelve teams registered to relay, including a team from the Elgin Police Department. She also reported that, of the $50,000 fundraising goal, $17,000 had been raised to date. She further noted that a Survivor Celebration is scheduled for March 28, which will include a luncheon and an opportunity for the community to stand together in support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Parent Support Group Saturday, February 21st, 10:00am at Elgin Public Library.**
   Kristina Alvarez, Main Street Manager, provided this announcement to the Council.

2. **Family Movie Night Friday, February 20th 6:30pm at Elgin Public Library.**
   Kristina Alvarez, Main Street Manager, provided this announcement to the Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **Planning and Zoning Commission Quarterly Report and 2025 Annual Report**
   Robert Eads, City Manager, stated the Planning and Zoning Commission's Quarterly Report and 2025 Annual Report are available for their review. There were no questions from the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - February 3, 2026**
   This item was approved on the consent agenda.

2. **Elgin Music Festival Partnership: Fee Waiver for Street Closure on Depot Street from N Ave B to N Ave C on Saturday, April 11th from 3pm-10pm, Open Container Waiver Thursday–Saturday, April 9th - 11th: $250.00 (Alvarez)**
   This item was approved on the consent agenda.

3. **Special Event Park Fee Waiver, Open Container Waiver, and Fee Waiver for Street Closure on Depot Street from N Ave B to N Ave C, and Public Works Support and Police Department Support for Relay for Life on Saturday, April 25th 2026 6pm–10pm: $2,311.80. (Alvarez)**

   This item was approved on the consent agenda.

   Mayor McShan and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Love encouraged the Council and public to attend Relay for Life.

4. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION FOR THE KENNEDY STREET AND COUNTY LINE ROAD DRAINAGE PROJECTS ALSO KNOWN AS GLO CONTRACT No. 22-085-029-D270 AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.**

(GONZALEZ)
This item was approved on the consent agenda.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Love motioned to approve the consent agenda as it was presented. Council Member St. Pierre seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Adoption of updated Library Policies (Approved as to Form by City Attorney)**
Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager, addressed the Council. Ms. Fowler stated that the library policy had been reviewed and recommendations made by the City Attorney. Robert Eads, City Manager, asked the Council to consider the policies without the third bullet from the bottom on the first page and allow staff more time to discuss. Discussion followed.

   Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Love motioned to approve the adoption of the updated policies without the third bulleted policy from the bottom on the first page. Council Member Casnovsky seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STACEY FORD OSBORNE FOR CONTINUED PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ELGIN, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.**
Robert Eads, City Manager, requested the Council table this item. Mr. Eads stated that the City has contracted with Ms. Osborne as the Public Information Officer and as the Community Services Director. Staff is working to separate the roles, and will bring the contract back for Council approval at the March 3, 2026, meeting.

   Council Member Crim motioned to table the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

3. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, TO ENTER INTO AN INTER LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY FOR RADIO SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO. (GONZALEZ)**
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director, addressed the Council to explain that this item would allow the City to pay a small fee to join the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) network. The City currently uses other carriers for this service and would like to move to this system. This would allow the City to have more security and reliability. Discussion followed.

   Council Member Crim motioned to approve the resolution to authorize the agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority. Council Member Swain seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar recused herself from this vote for a conflict of interest as an employee of LCRA. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

4. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR SETTING FUTURE UTILITY RATES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO. (GONZALEZ)**
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director, addressed the Council. During the last budget

cycle, the Council expressed interest in a utilities rate study to determine if the rates are comparable to other cities. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the ratings done by staff for each company that bid are available for Council to review in their packets. Discussion followed.

Council Member Casnovsky motioned to approve the resolution. Council Member Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mayor McShan read the title of the item, and adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 6:57 PM.

1. **The City Council will convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with the City Attorney regarding possible and contemplated litigation arising out of an employment matter, for which the City seeks the advice of counsel.**

RECONVENE
Mayor McShan reconvened the meeting into open session at 7:34 PM.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT
Mayor McShan adjourned the meeting 7:34 PM.

Theresa Y. McShan

ATTEST: **Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor**

Esmeralda Rangel

~~Peyton Standifer, City Secretary~~

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