



**ELGIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**July 7, 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 Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Pierre was absent for a family matter. Mayor Pro Tem Love motioned to excuse Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Pierre. Council Member Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

**Present:**

Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor  
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member Ward 1  
Jessica Jaimes, Council Member Ward 1  
Roland Silva, Council Member Ward 2  
YaLecia Love, Mayor Pro Tem Ward 2  
Agatha Mayfield, Council Member Ward 3  
Liston Crim, Council Member Ward 4  
Brenda Piña, Council Member Ward 4

**Absent:**

Tiffany St. Pierre, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ward 3

**Staff:**

Robert Eads, City Manager  
Peyton Standifer, City Secretary  
Mark Schoreder, City Attorney  
Kaley Frye, Economic Development Director  
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  
Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager  
Esmeralda Rangel, Assistant City Secretary  
Uriel Campos, Administrative Assistant  
Riggin Anderson, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Michael De La Rosa, Police Lieutenant  
Marco Solorio, Police Sergeant

## **INVOCATION**

Council Member Piña 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 of America and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Molly Alexander, North Main Street, addressed the Council to express her displeasure with the conditions of the pool located at the Fleming Center and Morris Memorial Park. Ms. Alexander stated the hours for the pool have been cut, the price has increased, and the free swim time has been decreased with the exercise classes offered. Her second issue expressed was with the increased closures of the Elgin Recreation Center, as it is now closed on City holidays.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Recognition of Elgin Public Library accreditation for FY 2027 by the Texas State Library & Archives Commission (TSLAC)**  
Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager, provided this announcement to the Council.
2. **Recognition of July as Parks and Recreation Month — Every Friday in July Free Events**  
Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager, provided this announcement to the Council.
3. **Family Field Day at Elgin Memorial Park Friday, July 10th 6pm-8pm**  
Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager, provided this announcement to the Council.
4. **Meet the PARD Team at Elgin Recreation Center Friday, July 17 5pm-7pm**  
Heather Fowler, Library Services Manager, provided this announcement to the Council.

## **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

1. **Staff Updates on the Flood Mitigation Projects at County Line Road and Kennedy Street (MICHAEL GONZALEZ, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR)**  
Robert Eads, City Manager, invited Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director, to provide an update to the Council on the County Line Road and Kennedy Street Projects. Mr. Gonzalez explained to the Council that these are two flood mitigation projects that are funded by the same grant. The grant intends to mitigate floodwaters by moving the floodwaters from the roadways to flowing under the road. To accomplish that, inlets and storm boxes are being added. While the road has been removed, it is being expanded at the same time. The grant requires that the projects be completed by the end of 2026. Mr. Gonzalez answered questions from the Council.
2. **NOTICE OF CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT TO THE TEXAS CITY MANAGER'S ASSOCIATION'S ETHICS COMMITTEE**  
Robert Eads, City Manager, notified the Council of his appointment to the Texas City Manager's Association Ethics Committee. Mr. Eads stated that this committee reviews ethics violations for city managers, assistant city managers, and any city manager hopefuls. Mr. Eads stated this demonstrates the City of Elgin's commitment to maintaining the highest standards for ethics.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **City Council Meeting Regular Minutes - March 17, 2026**  
This item was approved on the consent agenda.
2. **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - June 16, 2026**  
This item was approved on the consent agenda.
3. **Appointment of Nikki Richardson to the Main Street Board to Fill a Vacancy**  
This item was approved on the consent agenda.
4. **Appointment of Stephanie Ross to the Main Street Board to Fill a Vacancy**  
This item was approved on the consent agenda.
5. **Appointment of Ryan Green to the Historic Review Board to Fill a Vacancy**  
This item was approved on the consent agenda.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Donation of Land of the Mary Christian Burleson Homestead by the Mary Christian Burleson Foundation (Riggin Anderson - Recreation Program Manager)**  
Mayor McShan invited Riggin Anderson, Parks and Recreation Manager, to address the Council. Mr. Anderson explained that the acceptance of this land would require one additional full-time employee (FTE) for Public Works in the grounds' maintenance crew. The estimated total to make the property safe and accessible would be \$30,000. The estimated price does not include anything inside the residence, and the funding would need to be paid out of the general fund. The estimated cost would include filling the two wells on the property, and fencing off the residence for safety. The Mary Christian Burleson Foundation intends to donate \$7,000 to the City for the maintenance of the property. If the Council accepts the donation, the costs would need to be factored into the next fiscal year's budget, and the ongoing maintenance would have to be factored into the coming years. Mr. Eads explained that to take possession, the City must fill in the two wells and fence off the house. Discussion followed.

Council Member Crim motioned to take ownership of the Mary Christian Burleson Homestead. Council Member Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AND THE ELGIN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE OPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP OF THE ELGIN UNION DEPOT, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDING RELATED THERETO.**

Mayor McShan read the title of the item, and invited Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director, to address the Council. Mr. Gonzalez stated that this agreement would take over the operation of the Union Depot Museum. The Union Depot is a City-owned building. Previous concerns expressed by the Council about staffing for the museum can be addressed during the budget discussions, and it can be maintained by volunteers for the time being. Discussion followed.

Council Member Crim motioned to approve the resolution as it was presented. Council Member Mayfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

3. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, EXERCISING THE AUTHORITY EXPRESSLY GRANTED BY ARTICLE IX OF THE ELGIN HOME RULE CHARTER TO REPEAL A VOTER-APPROVED INITIATIVE ORDINANCE; MAKING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor McShan read the title of the item, and invited Mark Schroeder, City Attorney, to address the Council. Mr. Schroeder explained to the Council that this ordinance would repeal the voter-initiative ordinance that was passed in 2022. The City was subsequently sued by the Attorney General because the ordinance violated State Law. The City is still currently being sued by the Attorney General. The City Charter allows voter-initiative ordinances to be repealed after a period of two years, which has passed. The repeal would make the current lawsuit from the Attorney General moot. Discussion followed.

Mayor Pro Tem Love motioned to approve the ordinance as it was presented. Council Member Pina seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

4. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE POLLING LOCATION RESERVATION CONFIRMATION AND RESERVING THE ELGIN RECREATION CENTER AS A POLLING LOCATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO. (Peyton Standifer - City Secretary)**

Mayor McShan read the title of the item, and invited Peyton Standifer, City Secretary, to address the Council. Mrs. Standifer explained that this was a resolution to allow the City Manager to execute the Polling Place Reservation Confirmation for the November 3rd General Election for Bastrop County. This location will serve Elgin voters on Election Day in addition to the North Bastrop County Community Annex. Early voting will still take place at the North Bastrop County Community Annex. There were no questions from the Council.

Council Member Silva motioned to approve the resolution as it was presented. Mayor Pro Tem Love 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 7:17 PM.

1. **The City Council will convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) for consultation with attorney regarding legal issues and potential agreements involving Emergency Services District No. 3.**

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor McShan reconvened the meeting into open session at 7:45 PM. No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McShan adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Peyton Standifer, City Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theresa McShan", written over a horizontal line.

Theresa McShan, Mayor