



**Mayor Tim Marshall**  
**Councilmember Jerry Webb**  
**Councilmember Jarom Tefteller**  
**Councilmember Carl Byers**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann**  
**Councilmember Jasmine McDowell**  
**Councilmember Brian Williams**

## **MINUTES**

The City of Gilmer Council Meeting convened in regular session at 5:15 P.M. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Gilmer City Hall, 110 Buffalo St., Gilmer, Texas.

### **The following Councilmembers were present:**

Mayor Tim Marshall  
Councilmember Jerry Webb  
Councilmember Jasmine McDowell  
Councilmember Jarom Tefteller

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann  
Councilmember Brian Williams  
Councilmember Carl Byers

### **The following Councilmembers were absent:**

None

### **The following staff were present:**

Mary Bullock, City Manager  
Deana Powell, City Secretary  
Garrett Williamson, Accountant  
Billy Joe Williams

Mike Martin, City Attorney  
Jonathan Nix, Public Works Director  
Lisa Long, Civic Center Director

### **Other Attendees:**

Phillip Williams, Gilmer Mirror  
Gy & Maddy Gillis, Gilmer Resident

Thad Barr, American Legion  
David Bullock, Gilmer Resident

### **I. Call to Order** **Invocation** **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Tim Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M. The invocation was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Brian Williams.

### **II. Public Comment** No speakers

### III. Announcements

1. **Mayor's Announcements:** Updated that the striping is finished at the park.
2. **City Manager's Announcements:** Finishing up the grant paperwork for the Texas Water Development Grant
3. **City Council Member's Announcements:** Councilmember Jerry Webb spoke about the damage noticed on the eaves of the building at Ella Granville (Abney Park), Councilmember Carl Byers stated that he was contacted by a constituent about rumors of the city water being stolen.

### IV. Consent Agenda

1. **Consider approval of City Council Minutes from July 14, 2026, Regular Meeting**
2. **Consider approval of Expense Report for June 2026**

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann made a motion to approve all consent agenda items and seconded by Councilmember Jerry Webb with a vote of 6/0 for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

### V. Items to Consider

1. **Consider, discuss, and take possible action regarding the Fleet Management Program by Nick Hardwick of Enterprise, and all matters related thereto (Enclosure).**

Nick Hardwick presented to council the lease program and how the fleet upgrade would work for the City of Gilmer.

Jarom Tefteller entered the meeting at the beginning of this presentation.

No motion was made on this item. Mayor Tim Marshall recommended if without objection moving forward with discussing this further with this year's budget discussions. No objections were made. Nick Hardwick stated that he can get some more detailed numbers to the city by the end of next week.

2. **Consider, discuss, and take possible action to schedule the Special Call meetings to adopt the budget and tax rate in August and cancel all regularly scheduled meetings, and all matters related thereto (Enclosure).**

Mayor Tim Marshall made a motion to keep the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting and Cancel the August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting. Approve the presented Special Call meeting of Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, Budget Workshop at 4:00pm and Proposed Property Tax Rate meeting at 5:15pm; Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Budget Hearing at 5:15pm; and Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Budget Adoption & Property Tax Rate Adoption at 5:15pm. All meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann with a vote of 7/0 for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Consider, discuss, and take possible action to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement for Animal Services between the City of Gilmer and the City of Mount Pleasant for one year starting October 1, 2026, and all matters related thereto (Enclosure).**

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Herrmann made the motion to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement for Animal Services between the City of Gilmer and the City of Mount Pleasant for one year starting October 1, 2026, and seconded by Councilmember Jarom Tefteller with a vote of 7/0 for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Consider, discuss, and take possible action to vacate and abandon the City's public right-of-way interest in an underdeveloped street/alleyway located between 228 Mirage and 230 Mirage, subject to the retention of a perpetual municipal utility easement for existing City-owned water and sewer infrastructure, with no exchange of monetary consideration of real property and all matters related thereto. (Possible executive session under TGC 551.072)**

City Manager Mary Bullock left the meeting at this time. Mayor opened the discussion and turned it over to Public Works Director Jonathon Nix for further explanation. There is a 60' wide right-of-way that was designated to be added later between the two properties listed above in the North Park Addition. The city currently has sewer lines running through this right-of-way that go to the wastewater treatment plant. The city no longer plans to utilize this section to build a road and would like to vacate or abandon the property over to the adjoining property owners and retain a 20' utility easement for the existing sewer line with the caveat that nothing can be built upon the easement. City Attorney Mike Martin and Councilmember Jarom Tefteller stated that their concern about abandoning the property is that it would not be properly transferred over to the adjoining property owners and would want to look into doing this by either a warranty deed or quitclaim deed. Jonathon Nix will look further into the ownership of the underdeveloped property at the county records to bring back for better review to determine best course of action.

No action was taken during this meeting.

- IX. **Executive Session** – No executive session during this meeting.  
 X. **Adjourn Executive Session** –  
 XI. **Reconvene Regular Session** – (In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D).  
 XII. **Adjournment**

Councilmember Jarom Tefteller made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Councilmember Jerry Webb with a vote of 7/0 for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

ATTEST:



Deana Powell, City Secretary



Jim Marshall, Mayor

