

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 14, 2025

Mayor Pro Tem Shelia Hermes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

Melissa Kreindel called roll. Council members in attendance: Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Don Agold, Bill Grissom, and Shelia Hermes. Natalie Oñate was absent. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from September 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting**
- B. Financial Reports for September 2025**
- C. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Contract**

Don Agold made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Bill Grissom seconded. No further discussion. All in favor. 5-0. **Motion Passed.**

INFORMATIVE/ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter.

A. Present Status of new Fiber Optics plan – Guest Speaker, Scott Tuley, County Commissioner

Commissioner Scott Tuley discussed that Henderson County received federal funds, and the county distributed a big portion of those funds to water and fiber optics. Brightspeed hired SDT as their contractor, with Reggie Dorsey as the Construction Coordinator, to install fiber optics throughout the county. This project will cover about 98% of the county with fiber optics, and they are about 80% through the project. Most of Enchanted Oaks fiber optics installation will be aerial on utility poles. First Oak might be the only street where the installation is bored in the ground. Since Enchanted Oaks has its own ordinances, the project is currently halted until SDT obtains the right permits to continue working.

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Teri Erickson – Ladies Club: The annual garage sale is Saturday, October 18. A law enforcement officer will be present to help with traffic flow. On Halloween, October 31, the Ladies Club will host a Trunk or Treat. The next Ladies Club meeting is November 1. They will be making about 250 Christmas stockings. The cost per stocking has gone up, so donations are encouraged.

Kim Cochran - Maintenance of Building, Grounds: No report on the building. Kim reported on the new Police Chief Hiring Committee. She said we had good applicants and have another interview scheduled this week.

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps: Tim reminded residents that the lake is low and to be careful. No other report.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool: Pool cover was installed on 9/29 with the help of volunteers. Since it's now the new fiscal year, they are proceeding with the trailer parking resurfacing project.

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage: Since it's been dry, drainage has not been an urgent issue. The dip in the road that was created when the culvert was replaced at Cedarwood and Enchanted will be fixed at the end of the month.

Shelia Hermes: Reported that Republic finally changed out the rusted trash container at the WMS site after many attempts.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities: Reported that the September close went smoothly and we are now starting a new fiscal year.

City Secretary – Activities, Coordination: Reported that Enchanted Oaks is having an election on November 4. Election information can be found on the city's website including a sample ballot and early voting locations, dates, and times. There is also a link on the city's website to check your Texas voter registration.

Regina Kiser – City Administrator: Regina was absent, but the City Secretary gave her report about attending the police chief interview, meeting with Commissioner Tuley about the fiber optic plan, issuing code letter follow ups, reviewing new TMLIRP insurance rates, communicating with residents about moving their trailers for parking improvements, continuing drainage improvements for Northwood, and following up with East Cedar Creek to fix the road at 115 Enchanted.

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month: Absent/no report.

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A. Consider change to City Administrator contract to part-time status

- **Note:** *To provide the flexibility needed to receive treatments and recover, a 6-month part-time contract will be considered at ½ salary. The arrangements will be re-evaluated after the 6-month period. Additional modifications were made to clarify authority of city administrator*

Judy King asked about the approval of the City Administrator contract from the September 9 council meeting. Town Attorney Brad Neighbor responded and said that contract had not yet been executed.

Kim Cochran made a motion to approve the City Administrator contract to part-time status. Don Agold seconded. 4-1 (Aye – Kim Cochran, Don Agold, Shelia Hermes, Bill Grissom; Nay – Tim Johnson). **Motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Craig Conaway, a fiber optics general manager, offered his expertise to review the current Henderson County fiber optic project.

Judy King asked about the availability of a county fiber optic project map and if the city would be issuing a permit for SDT to finish their project work. The Town Attorney answered her questions. Judy ended her comments by asking the council and mayor not to accept or execute any new contracts or business until a new mayor is sworn in.

ADJOURN – Kim Cochran made a motion to adjourn. Don Agold made a second. All in favor. 5-0, **Motion passed.**

DISMISSED – 7:43 p.m.

Attest: Melissa Kreindel, City Secretary