

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

January 13, 2026

Mayor Judy King 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, Judy King, Don Agold, Bill Grissom, and Shelia Hermes. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from December 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting**
- B. Minutes from December 17, 2025, Special Council Meeting**
- C. Financial Reports for December 2025**
- D. TCOLE Annual Racial Profiling Report for the Year ended December 31, 2025**
- E. Mayor Pro-tem, City and Committee Appointments FY2026**

Kim Cochran said she didn't like the list of committee appointments. The Mayor asked if they could vote on items A-D and then discuss E separately. Kim Cochran made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A-D as presented. Bill Grissom seconded. No further discussion. All in favor. 6-0. **Motion passed.**

Kim Cochran said she isn't comfortable with everyone on the committee appointments list. Bill Grissom asked what a Building Official does. Tim Johnson explained the role. Don Agold made a motion to approve the appointment list. Tim Johnson seconded. 5-1 (Kim Cochran opposed). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS – COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Raymond Wennerstrom – Chief of Police: Calls and/or Investigations: The Chief reported that he made three traffic stops, issued two written warnings, and is dealing with code complaints. He has three reserves working and the fourth will be ready by the end of the month. The reserves volunteer 16 hours per month. The Chief completed the state-mandated 2025 racial profiling report, which was largely data from the previous Chief.

Teri Erickson – Ladies Club: No report.

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kim Cochran - Maintenance of Building, Grounds: Kim reported that Steve and Kyle have cut down trees at Town Hall and had a gutter fixed. Kim reported that the generator is set and online. The generator was funded 100% by donations and no town funds were used. She discussed a PIA request received about naming the generator project donors. She did not keep a list and was not told to keep a list of donors. She named some bigger donors to the project and also named individuals who did not donate.

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps: Tim reported that he was going to fix the trash can at the boat dock.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool: Don reported on his series of emails that were sent after the previous meeting. He reported on meeting and talking with constituents at Town Hall earlier that day. The pool is still in winter maintenance. He asked for volunteers for a trailer parking audit and will get in touch with those who responded.

He also wanted to read the City Attorney's 7-page resignation letter. The Mayor objected saying the letter is not part of the agenda, and she would circulate the letter the next day.

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage: Bill reported that the water department is installing new sewer lines on Enchanted near the WMS for new homes in Indian Harbor. Bill reported that the road near the WMS has been resurfaced and leveled.

Shelia Hermes - WMS: Shelia reported an Enchanted Oaks giving group was started on Facebook. She corrected statements that council is not appointed, they are elected. Shelia reported on financial reasons for WMS fees including rising Republic rates and overage fees. Property tax increases only affect certain households since taxes are frozen for residents over the age of 65. Monthly trash fees are more equally distributed across all households.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Melissa Kreindel, City Secretary – Activities, Coordination: Reported on working on Public Information Act requests and working with the bank on getting new check signers established.

Regina Kiser – City Administrator: Regina was not present, but Melissa reported on her behalf. The City Administrator has been working with the Chief to get security cameras for the police department, applying for a JAG Grant for an in-car camera system for the Chief, reviewing insurance policies, and updating the trailer parking system.

Judy King, – Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month: Judy reported that it has been 2 months since she was sworn in. She sees that the Enchanted Oaks government is frozen but she is not giving up on getting the town back to its smaller roots, simpler environment, and what she expressed in letters to citizens. She has no intent to grab vast powers. Judy referred to battling a “pretend Mayor” who gives instruction to staff for administrative functions. She feels responsible for the administrative functions of the city and works off precedence.

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. Consider a proposal to eliminate the position of Town Administrator (*Action – Sponsor: Mayor Judy King*)

- Mayor Judy King discussed the City Administrator's salary, which is temporarily reduced to half and part-time. She said a town of this size does not need an administrator, and she hasn't seen improvement since the administrator was hired. Not having an administrator would give more responsibility to the Mayor, but that is what the Mayor has always done.
- Don Agold discussed that the City Administrator position was created in part to handle the many reporting requirements for the Town and they were happy with the hired candidate because of her experience and expertise. Although the current Mayor wants to handle administrative functions, a new Mayor might not, and they need to have a long-term approach.
- Kim Cochran asked if the Mayor has talked with the City Administrator to understand her position and what she does. If the Mayor is not willing to work with the City Administrator and council, how can council know the Mayor can do the City Administrator's job. Kim also said that when they interviewed Regina, Regina said she can get the position up and running, but she will tell the Town if she's not needed anymore.
- Bill Grissom said that Judy was a good treasurer when she served as treasurer, but her campaign platform was based on responsibilities not given to the Mayor. He mentioned that she was not at meetings when the

City Administrator position was discussed and only started attending meetings prior to running for Mayor.
- Shelia Hermes said they hired Regina as City Administrator because she could be the court clerk. Regina also brought on a new judge whose retainer rate is lower than the previous judge.

Kim Cochran made a motion to table this agenda item until her contract is up in March. Shelia Hermes seconded. 4-2 (Aye – Kim Cochran, Shelia Hermes, Don Agold, Bill Grissom; Nay – Judy King, Tim Johnson).

Motion passed.

**B. Consider a proposal to repeal Ordinance 250 which requires trash fees to be billed to all homes
(Action – Sponsor: Mayor Judy King)**

-Mayor King reported that Enchanted Oaks recovers \$30,000 in trash costs from Enchanted Isles. Trash fees have traditionally been covered by taxes, and if we need the funds in the future we should maximize our taxes. There is also an administrative cost to issuing WMS fee invoices.

-Kim Cochran said the WMS fees are included in the budget and the taxes have to be the same for the year. If Enchanted Isles finds a better deal for trash service, they will switch. Councilwomen Cochran is not opposed to other options, but an alternate option to replace the fees in the budget has not been discussed.

-Shelia Hermes repeated that a tax increase is not fairly shared amongst residents due to property taxes being frozen for residents over the age of 65.

-Don Agold said everyone pays for trash, and it's appropriate for a city to charge for services they provide. A City Administrator could institute these processes and procedures.

-Mayor King said WMS fee billing wasn't in the budget the previous year. She also thinks the tax burden is on weekenders in Enchanted Oaks. The Mayor said the City Administrator agenda item and the WMS fees agenda item are linked and would financially cancel each other out.

Kim Cochran made a motion to table repealing Ordinance 250. Don Agold seconded. Then, Kim said they were going to change the motion. Don Agold made a motion not to repeal Ordinance 250. Kim Cochran seconded. 4-2 (Aye – Kim Cochran, Shelia Hermes, Don Agold, Bill Grissom; Nay – Judy King, Tim Johnson).

Motion passed.

C. Consider Ordinance 255, which was proposed at the December 17 Special Council Meeting, that would establish the allocation of power between the Mayor and the town council (Action – Sponsor: Councilman Don Agold)

Don Agold read proposed Ordinance 255 which includes the Mayor having one council vote; the City Administrator having the authority to manage day-to-day activities, including employees and operations; the Mayor not interfering with the City Administrator or employees; how a meeting may be called and how an item can be put on the agenda; and the Mayor cannot make a motion or second a motion.

Approximately 18 comments were made by the public on this agenda item. The comments generally centered on the council and the new mayor not working together. Common themes from the comments included that the ordinance is not taking away any power, the ordinance needs more definition and clarity, and the ordinance was drafted by someone with a conflict of interest. A petition was also submitted to have the ordinance undergo independent, impartial legal review.

Don Agold asked the Mayor, again, if she is constrained by the will of the council. She did not want to repeat herself.

Don Agold motioned to approve Ordinance 255 as written. Kim Cochran seconded. The motion passed with 4 ayes (Aye – Kim Cochran, Shelia Hermes, Don Agold, Bill Grissom). **Motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Mayor opened the meeting to public comment to those who signed up to speak. There was a lot of commotion, and no one commented.

ADJOURN – Judy King made a motion to adjourn. Tim Johnson made a second. All in favor, 6-0. **Motion passed.**

DISMISSED – 9:37 p.m.

Attest: Melissa Kreindel, City Secretary

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